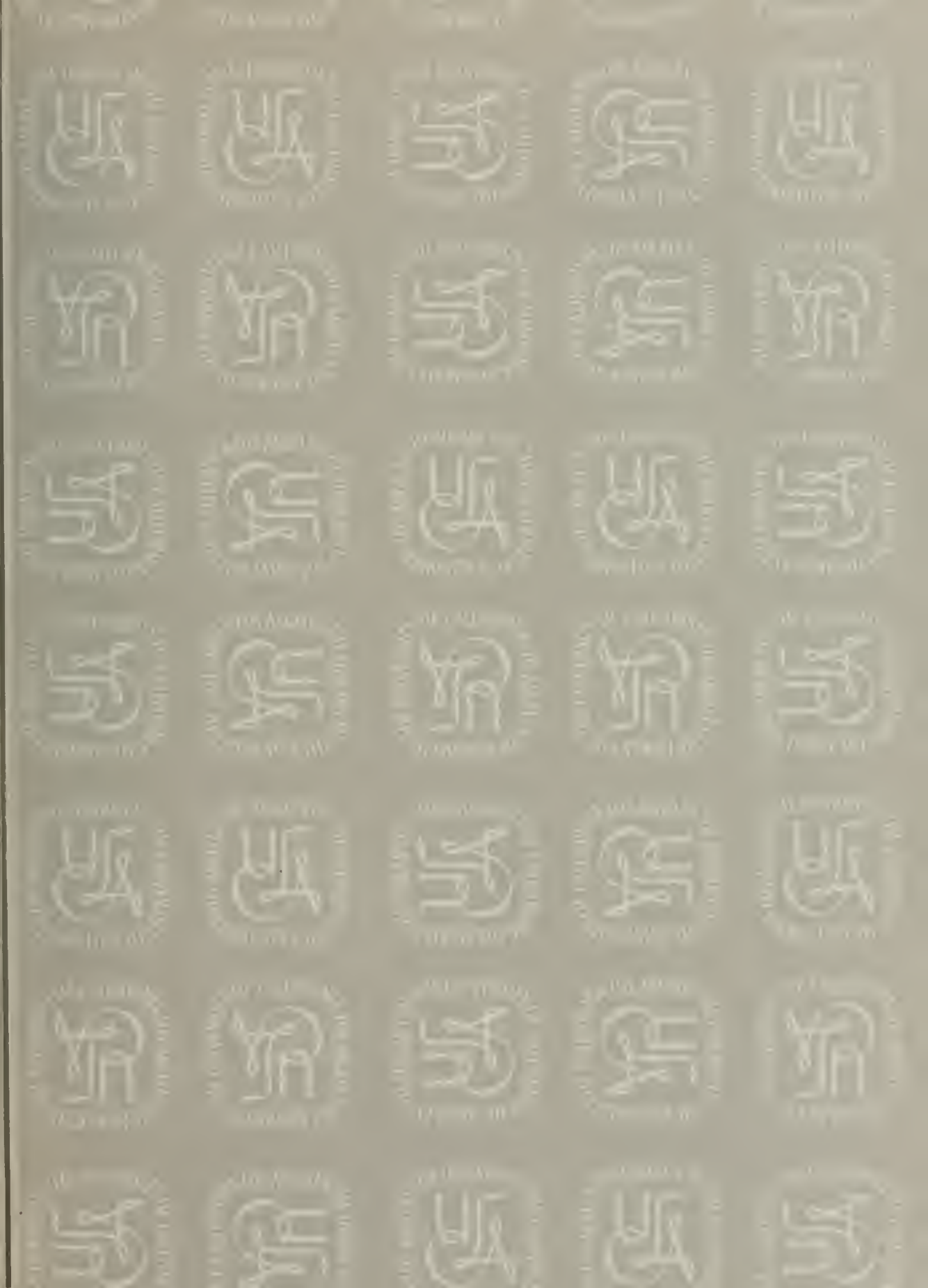

BISHOP LLOYD,
At the age of 87.

From a Print in Nash's "History of Worcestershire."

DIARY OF FRANCIS EVANS,

SECRETARY TO BISHOP LLOYD,

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INTRODUCTION.

THE Diary of Francis Evans, Secretary to Bishop Lloyd, one of the famous Seven Bishops, was found by the late Bishop Philpott in the Muniment Room of Hartlebury Castle, and was deposited by him in the Diocesan Registry at Worcester.

It is beautifully written in the clear and careful handwriting of a professional clerk, and it gives a unique picture of a bishop's life in England 200 years ago.

FRANCIS EVANS was, like his master, a Welshman. He followed the Bishop from St. Asaph to Lichfield, and from Lichfield to Worcester. His father, John Evans, kept the 'Bell Inn' at Oswestry. Frank seems to have married above his position, for his wife was the daughter of the Lord of the Manor of Snelston in Derbyshire. He was a most faithful and diligent scribe. He chronicled everything, events great and small—the death of King William III., and the death of the deer in the park; the Consecration of a church, and the appointment of a gamekeeper; the Livings in the Bishop's gift, and the haunches of venison sent to the Bishop's friends; the places where he himself "lay" each night, and the friends with whom "his Lo^p" dined.

He was hardworking and energetic, constantly riding about the country on business. He made long journeys on horseback, sometimes sleeping in a different bed each night for three months on end. He met with many adventures; for instance, at Tredington, "where ye room above stairs fell under us; though there were many persons in it, and many below, wee suffered no harme." Again, a year afterwards, "This day I escaped falling and being stifled in Mr Jones' house of office at Oxford (as I did this day 12 months being hurt at Tredington), when the floor fell under the Chancellor, Stewart, Jury, and myself, and many others that attended the Court there." Again, Nov. 26th, 1703, "I went to Treddington and thence to Dascot, and thro' a most violent wet storme thence to Blockley, passing ye waters w^th

great difficulty, and that night happened the most violent storme that has been known in the memory of man in this kingdom, but it did little damage in ye Northern parts." And the next day "I went from Blockley to Shipston in a very stormy day, and going thence to Honington in the night, being dark and ye ways deep, crossing a rut, my horse fel upon me, and lay some time on my leg, wch endangered breaking of it, but by ye assistance of two p'rsons that were on ye road I got from under him . . hurt . . . . . [1]."

He met, poor man, with other misfortunes, for in those eight years he lost in succession his young wife, his mother, his father, and his father-in-law.

He had the greatest veneration for "my Lord," and was much trusted by him. A clergyman in the Diocese of Lichfield wrote to the "wicked" Bishop Watson, who was deprived for simony by Archbishop Tenison, in these terms of Francis Evans—"The Bishop's will was his law. A *sic volumus* from Frank Evans the Secretary was enough to remove a poor clergyman from his livelihood. I know several displaced upon Frank's order, and two lines from him was as powerful and as legal as the *long pole of Canterbury's* sentence against your Lordship."

THE DIARY begins in 1699. The Bishop was then in his 73rd year. He had been a bishop for 19 years—12 years at St. Asaph, and 7 years at Lichfield. He was born at Tilehurst Rectory near Reading. His father, the Rev. Richard Lloyd, was a Royalist, devoted to the cause of Charles I. He "suffered very much upon the king's account in the time of the wars, and was four or five times imprisoned by the rebels." His wife's name was Anne Wicken. He sent his son to Oriel, where he had been himself. William Lloyd, the future bishop, while yet a boy, "gave proof of so fertile an intellect, and so diligently studied Greek and Latin authors and oriental literature, that at the age of eleven years he turned out a distinguished ornament of the University of Oxford [2]." He took his Degree at the age of 15, on the 25th October, 1642, "*being Tuesday after Edgehill Fight.*" He was ordained Deacon when only 21, during the Commonwealth, by Bishop Skinner of Oxford,

[1] Words in cypher.
[2] From the monument in Fladbury Church.

afterwards Bishop of Worcester. "In those very iniquitous times, when the Church was falling, he was not afraid to take the sacred Orders of a Deacon, and, when it was almost trodden underfoot, those of the Priesthood[1]."

After he was ordained he went to be tutor in the family of Mr. William Backhouse, of Swallowfield near Reading. Mr. Backhouse was a Rosicrucian and student of the occult sciences. He gave great encouragement to those who were addicted to the same pursuits, especially to Elias Ashmole. He sent his son John to Wadham, and Lloyd went with him, just as Bentley took his pupil, James Stillingfleet, the Bishop's son, to the same College 20 years later. John Backhouse died young, and his sister succeeded to Swallowfield. She married into the Clarendon family, and it was at Swallowfield that Lord Clarendon wrote the History of the Great Rebellion.

At the Restoration Lloyd was made Prebend of Ripon, but fell ill of "a quartan ague and had no health for business for three or four years."

He married, but his first wife only lived a year. After being fourteen years a widower he was married again in Westminster Abbey to a daughter of one of the Prebendaries[2]. He was then King's Chaplain and Rector of St. Mary's, Reading. He became also Dean of Bangor and Canon Residentiary of Salisbury, and was preferred in 1676 to the Vicarage of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, "the greatest Cure in England;" and "there he stood in the front of the battel all King James' reign[3]."

This is the description given of his learning and scholarship by his contemporary Bishop Burnet:—

"Lloyd was a great critick in the Greek and Latin authors, but chiefly in the Scriptures; of the words and phrases of which he carried the most perfect concordance in his memory, and had it the readiest about him of all the men that ever I knew. He was an exact historian, and the most punctual in chronology of all our divines. He had read the most books, and with the best

[1] From the monument in Fladbury Church.

[2] Anne, d. of Walter Jones, Preb. of Westminster, and granddaughter of Dr. Samuel Fell, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford.

[3] Burnet's "History of his own Times."

judgment, and had made the most copious abstracts out of them of any in this age, so that Wilkins[1] used to say he had the most learning *in ready cash* of any he ever knew."

While Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields he went with the Princess Mary into Holland, being her first Chaplain. Charles II. promoted him to the See of St. Asaph, to which he was consecrated 3rd October, 1680. He was then 53. He lived to be over 90, so that he was a bishop for more than 37 years. It was while he was at St. Asaph that he was committed to the Tower by James II. for resisting his illegal proceedings. Along with him were Sancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury, Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Turner of Ely, White of Peterborough, Lake of Chichester, and Trelawney of Bristol. The popular feeling in favour of the seven bishops was very strong. Macaulay's account of their Trial and Acquittal is one of the most striking passages in his History. Lloyd, who had lived much in London, seems to have been as popular as any of them. "He was unable to get through Palace yard by reason of the crowds of people who pressed round him in their enthusiasm, and kissed his hands and garments; and was rescued by Lord Clarendon in his carriage by a circuitous way[2]."

When James II. was dethroned, Lloyd took the oaths to William and Mary with willingness, for he was a strong Protestant, and made every effort to persuade the clergy to follow his example. He was soon promoted to Lichfield, where he rebuilt Eccleshall Castle, which had fallen into ruin, and after seven years he was advanced to Worcester. The King had a high opinion of him, and perhaps thought he would do something to make his government more popular in a country not specially favourable to his cause.

If the number of portraits of a man be any guide to his greatness, then indeed Bishop Lloyd must have been among the greatest of bishops, for the number of his portraits is quite confusing. Three of them are engraved, and extremely well engraved, in Nash's "History of Worcestershire." Besides these there is a portrait at Lambeth, another at Lichfield, another in the pos-

[1] Bishop of Chester, a great authority.
[2] Clarendon's Correspondence.

session of the Bishop of Worcester, and several others in private hands.

Bishop Lloyd lived to enter his 91st year "without losing his intellect till the last moment of his life[1]." He died 30th August, 1717, and was buried under the chancel of Fladbury Church, where his son was Rector. His wife survived him two years, and was laid to rest beside him.

Their only son, WILLIAM LLOYD, D.D., is commemorated on a tablet in Fladbury Church in these terms:—"Rector of this Parish and Chancellor of this Diocese, who within the short space of a week from his mother's death, departed this life, much regretted, at the age of forty-five. He was a man learned without pride, benevolent without ostentation, an eloquent clear and forcible preacher, patient in investigating causes, just in his decisions, second to none in unshaken fidelity to his king and country, and in no respect a degenerate heir of his Father's virtues. During his life he made for himself a noble monument in the adjacent Rectory-house, which he erected from the foundations."

He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Poulden[2], and then to Jane Thompson of Eskrick, Yorkshire, and had eight children, four of whom died young.

A modern bishop has no leisure, his engagements are endless, he has absolutely no time for reading or for thought. The late Bishop Westcott used to look round his library and say regretfully, "a bishop nowadays *has no need for books.*"

It was very different 200 years ago. Bishop Lloyd had a great deal of leisure, he *never* spent more than half the year in his Diocese, and was usually absent for eight months out of the twelve. He lived mostly at Oxford, where he employed his leisure in prophetical studies, and was called by the Terrae filius of 1703 *Pseudopropheta canus!*

[1] The inscription on the monument at Fladbury.

[2] "Dr. Clarke introduced me into the company of the Lady Caverly in Soho Square, whose daughter by her first husband, or niece, had been married to Bishop Lloyd's son, which occasioned her acquaintance with that great man and her studying the Revelation of St. John." Memoirs of Rev. W. Whiston, p. 157.

He was a prolific author. Burnet gives him great praise as a writer of English. "The Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Lloyd, had the truest notions of a correct stile of any man I ever saw. I kept close to his rules, and so came to have the reputation of a correct writer as to stile[1]."

His work as a bishop will not stand the test of modern requirements. To reside in his Diocese for four months only in the year, to hold about 15 confirmations, to treat the clergy of one or two deaneries to a dinner at an inn, was not a great tax either on his time or his purse. Yet he was spoken of by his contemporaries as a model bishop[2], and was considered to have "watched over the Diocese with the utmost prudence."

The income of the See of Worcester was reckoned by the Chancellor (Price), who gives a careful list of the revenues in his *Notitia*, at £1,300 a year. Of course this represents a much larger sum. It is difficult to say how much larger, for it is not easy to find out the exact value of money in those days. The Head Master of Kidderminster Grammar School, Rev. Dr. Gibbins, who is an authority on the subject, considers that prices to-day are at least *four* times more than in 1701. Perhaps we may arrive at a fairly correct idea from the Diary itself. It mentions that £24 a year was the ordinary salary of a curate, therefore the Bishop's income was about 50 times that of a curate. On the same scale of comparison, Bishop Lloyd's income must have been equal to about £7,500 a year.

The Bishop had no less than *four* houses of residence: Hartlebury Castle, with its deer park and attractive surroundings, the Palace at Worcester (which has been for 60 years the Deanery), a house at Oxford, and a house in London.

When in London, he lived at first in Whitehall near the Palace, and afterwards in the neighbourhood of Soho Square, which was built in 1680, and was considered then to be "the genteelest part of the town[3]." If Macaulay is correct in saying that in those days woodcocks were shot where Regent Street now stands

[1] Foxcroft's Appendix to Burnet's "History of his own Times."

[2] Bishop Hoadley, of Bangor, did not once visit his diocese during the whole six years in which he held the Bishopric.

[3] Addison, *Spectator*—see Sir Roger de Coverley

then Brewer's Street, Soho, in which the Bishop lived, must have been almost in the country.

Modern writers seem scarcely to have done justice to Bishop Lloyd's character. Macaulay speaks of him as "a half crazed fanatic," and "of slender judgment." Miss Strickland in her "Lives of the Seven Bishops" is very down upon him for avarice, nepotism, partisanship, &c. "Assuredly Archbishop Tenison must have been weary of Lloyd's perpetual importunity in behalf of one person or another." Whereas the fact was that Lloyd was only doing his duty in recommending men to the Archbishop. Burnet writes, "K. William granted a commission to the two Archbishops, the Bishops of Lichfield, Worcester, Ely, and myself to recommend fit persons to all Ecclesiastical preferments, and did charge us to seek out the best and worthiest men we could find, that such and such only should be promoted[1]." The authors of the "Diocesan History of Worcester" speak of Lloyd's "*violence*," his "*irritability*," and his "*passionate self-will*."

The testimony of the Diary is altogether different. The Bishop's letters are singularly weighty and well expressed. Take for example the letter (page 60) defending his action in suspending one of his clergy. What could be more full of force and vigour and good sense? It must have made "his good Brethren" to whom it was addressed look very foolish. In all the letters inserted in the Diary he speaks his mind very plainly, but in remarkably reasonable and temperate language.

We ought also to give due weight to the opinion of contemporaries.

This is Bishop Burnet's description of Lloyd's character: "He was a holy, humble, and patient man, ever ready to do good when he saw a proper opportunity." Richard Bentley had the highest opinion of him[2]. Whiston thought himself fortunate in having obtained Holy Orders from him. "I most fortunately pitched upon the *great* Bishop Lloyd (then Bishop of Lichfield), to whom that year 1693 I brought my College testimonial with a letter from Mr Langley, Minister of Tamworth, well known to

[1] Foxcroft's Appendix to Burnet's "History of his own Times."
[2] Jebb's "Life of R. Bentley."

the Bishop. . . . . I desired that his Lo^p^ would please to give me deacon's orders on St Matthew's Day, and priest's on Sunday following, being the public ordination. . . . . He favoured me with a private ordination on the holiday, and after a most uncommon but vastly improving examination and instruction in the Cathedral beforehand, with a publick ordination into the priesthood the next Lord's Day [1]."

The Bishop generally held three ORDINATIONS in the year. Strange to say, he never once ordained in his Cathedral, always in the Parish Church of Hartlebury, or else in London or Oxford.

He was most particular as to Candidates for Holy Orders. At almost every ordination he refused men. One man is not of full age.—Another has not found a title.—Another came late and had not letters Dimissory from his own bishop. — Another, "a student of Gloucester Hall in Oxford, had officiated several times in the Chapell of St Kenelm's in the Parish of Hales Owen without orders." The Bishop seems to have been much pestered by a certain candidate for Deacon's Orders, named Samuel Mogridge, whom he twice refused for insufficiency, and when the fellow managed to obtain Deacon's Orders elsewhere he twice refused to ordain him priest.

A remarkable instance is given in the Diary of the Bishop's anxiety that men should be sufficiently well-read before taking charge of a parish.

A certain Mr. Bell was presented by Lord Plymouth to the living of Tardebigge. Although he was a University man, the Bishop would not institute him until he had solemnly promised to apply himself to the study of the Holy Scriptures and such books as the Bishop should think necessary. He made him promise to read so many books during each succeeding four months, and to repair to the Bishop at intervals to give an account of his study and improvements, and to receive further advice and instructions. The list of books to be studied during each period is given [2] and is sufficiently formidable.

On the other hand, a man was sometimes ordained deacon one

Whiston's "Memoirs." p. 124.

Sunday, Priest the next Sunday, and instituted to a Living before the week was out!

Among those who were ordained by the Bishop, three may be selected as notable men.

1. First the great foreign scholar, GRABE.

He was a Prussian, a man of profound erudition, "One of the greatest divines of the age[1]." "Dissatisfied as to the validity of Lutheran Orders, he had at first turned his thoughts to Rome, not unaware that he should find in that Church many departures from the simplicity of the early faith; but meeting with Spencer, the eminent leader of the German Pietists, he pointed out to him the Church of England as a community likely to meet his wants. He came to this country, received a Royal pension, took Holy Orders[2], and continued with indefatigable labour his patriotic studies. It became the great project of his life to maintain a close correspondence between the English and Lutheran Churches, to bring about in Prussia a restoration of Episcopacy, and introduce there a Liturgy composed upon the English model[3]." But he died young. He met with an accident while journeying to London in the stage-coach, from which he did not recover. Dr. Grabe is still quoted as a classical authority. Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, placed a costly monument to him in the South Transept of Westminster Abbey, close to Poets' Corner. His figure is seated pen in hand on a marble bench, upon which stands a bronze lamp, with books and MSS. The monument is just over the tablet to Isaac Casaubon, and close to David Garrick's. The face is beautiful and youthful.

2. Another interesting person who late in life joined our Church and came to Bishop Lloyd as a candidate for Holy Orders, was the first S.P.G. Missionary, GEORGE KEITH. He was brought up a Presbyterian, was a class-fellow of Bishop Burnet's at Marischal College, Aberdeen, but joined the then new sect of Quakers, and in the course of his life was four times imprisoned for his opinions. He went abroad to spread those opinions in Germany and afterwards in America. There he disagreed with the Quakers of Philadelphia on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, and in 1692 was prohibited by them from preaching. He returned to London,

[1] Nelson's "Life of Bull." [2] See page 28. [3] Abbey and Overton.

and at first started a schism, but came to a better mind and joined the Church of England; was ordained Deacon by Compton, Bishop of London, and was given Priest's Orders in Whitehall Chapel by Bishop Lloyd in 1701, at the mature age of 64[1]. It is said that he persuaded as many as 500 persons among the Quakers to conform to the Church of England.

The newly formed Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts sent him back to America as *their first Missionary*, being immensely impressed with his zeal and earnestness. His journal during his tour of two years is a most interesting publication. On his return home he was given the living of Edburton in Sussex by Archbishop Tenison, but fell into ill-health through the hardships he had endured in his missionary labours, and after being bed-ridden for five years, died in 1710, aged 77.

His publications fill 23 pages of Smith's Catalogue. Few men have had so varied a career.

3. A third remarkable candidate for Holy Orders was the Chancellor of the Diocese, JOHN PRICE.

He was an able, learned and well-read man—a tower of strength to the Bishop in all matters connected with the Consistory Court. He left behind him several books of notes, now preserved in the Edgar Tower in Worcester, written in a minute hand, which are of great interest. They contain the ancient forms for installation of Cathedral dignitaries; for excommunication and absolving from excommunication, for election of Proctors for Convocation, &c., with many devout prayers and extracts.

He was ordained Deacon and Priest in September, 1700, at the age of 59.

On one occasion when the Archdeacon of Worcester (Fleetwood) was ill he visited the Clergy in his stead, and gave a beautiful Charge, judging from the *resumé* of it given in his *Notitia*. His death is thus recorded in the Diary: "1705, June 12. Mr. Chanc^r Price dyed, much lamented, at Worc^r." A monument to him in the Cathedral speaks in high praise of his judicial character and noble motives, and states that he wore himself out (*desudasset*) in the service of the Bishop, the Dean and the Chapter.

[1] See p. 67.

The Bishop held a VISITATION OF THE CLERGY every three years. This is the account of the first:—

"Tu., Oct. 31, 1699. My L^{d} held his Visitac'on for the Deanryes of Worcester and Powick, and Dr. Wall, Rector of Holt, preach'd the Visitac'on Sermon. The Clergy *were treated* by my L^{d} at the 'Talbott' Inn."

The next entry, *taken in connection* with the above, is suggestive:—

"W., Nov. 1. My L^{d} not being very well *by reason of a pain in his stomach*, and the rivers being out, His Lo^{p} granted a com'ission to Mr. John Price, his Chancellor, and Dr. Jephcot and the other Rurall Deans to visit at Evesham."

The Bishop's indisposition, so graphically described, soon passed off, and he was able to visit at Kidderminster on Nov. 6, and to 'treat the clergy with a dinner at ye Lyon' without any ill effects.

It is interesting to read that "his Lo^{p} printed 2,000 copies of the accounts of the several kinds of Societies, got up of late years for the promoting of God's worship, for the Reformation of manners, and for the Propagating of Christian Knowledge, and distributed them in his Visitations about his Diocese."

There was a very real revival of religious zeal and earnestness in those days. Bishop Burnet thus notices it:—"There were constant sacraments every Lord's Day in many Churches. There were both greater numbers and greater appearances of Devotion at Prayers and Sacraments than had been observed in the memory of man. . . . . At last a Corporation was created by the late King (William III.) for Propagating the Gospel among Infidels, for settling Schools in our Plantations, for furnishing the clergy that were sent thither, and for sending Missionaries among such of our Plantations as were not able to provide Pastors for themselves. . . . . It was a glorious conclusion of a Reign that was begun with preserving our Religion, thus to create a Corporation for Propagating it to the remote parts of the earth."

In a pastoral to the Clergy, a printed copy of which is preserved between the pages of the Diary, Bishop Lloyd mentions with approval these praiseworthy and noble efforts. He adds remarks on the subject of Education, which were far ahead of his day and generation:—

"*How great a Public Blessing would it be if there were in every Parish in this Church and Kingdom a sufficient Number of good discreet Masters and Dames maintained with public salaries for the teaching of Male and Female Children apart to Read and to say their Catechism. . . . . also to Write and to do such little Works as would Enable them to live by their Labour! Happy are they that are God's Instruments for the procuring of such a Blessing in the Parishes where He has placed them!*"

The Bishop made a practice of *visiting* the Cathedral Body as well as the parochial clergy—a practice which has lately been revived—and apparently the Cathedral Body needed a good deal of attention. In 1705 my Lord "visited the chapter and suspended two of the Priest Vicars for not attending," and there was so much amiss that, in the same year, he visited the Chapter once in June, twice in July, and twice in August!

He was also keen to reform abuses in the various Grammar Schools and Hospitals of which he was Visitor. For example, he *visited* Leicester's Hospital at Warwick, and on two occasions suspended Brethren that were not qualified or had misbehaved themselves.

He wrote strong and pithy letters to the Governors of the Dudley Grammar School[1], hearing that they had "work't for cole in the school land," exhorting them to be careful of their property, and to make the most of it. And to the Feoffees of Hartlebury Grammar School[2], whom he calls "his good friends and neighbours," he hints that they had better not resort to the alehouse to do their business, nor spend any of the revenues of the school in meat and drink, "since they all live in the Parish and can get that well enough in their own houses."

In ordinary years the Bishop held CONFIRMATIONS in the chief market towns. This was his list in 1700:—Shipston, Stratford-on-Avon, Kington, Warwick, Henley, Bidford, Alcester, Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Evesham, Pershore, Worcester, Holt, Kidderminster, Oldswinford, Dudley, Hartlebury, Ombersley, Feckenham.

The numbers confirmed were enormous. The Secretary says:—

[1] p. 57. [2] p. 116.

"My L^{d} had lists of ye names of such as came to be confirmed from every Parish, but many more came than were named in the lists, and the Confirmac'ons were *very great* every where. In some places 7 or 800 Persons, and at Bromsgrove, where there were fewest, the number was guessed to be about 400."

How it was accomplished we cannot tell. It must have been in some places impossible for all the candidates, not to speak of the sponsors and parents, to get within the church. For instance, the church of Elmley Lovett did not hold more than 200 people, yet the Bishop confirmed 500 persons there!

By the Bishop's rule children might be confirmed at 10 years of age.

In the first seven years of his Episcopate at Worcester, Bishop Lloyd CONSECRATED only *one* church. That seems a meagre record. One new church in seven years for the whole Diocese of Worcester! Contrast this with modern times.

The Rev. J. Bowstead Wilson, Rector of Knightwick, has made a careful calculation of the amount of money expended in church building and church restoration throughout the Diocese of Worcester (including the Archdeaconry of Coventry) during the 30 years of the Episcopate of the late Bishop Philpott. He reckons it at a *million and a quarter*. In seven years Bishop Philpott consecrated 33 new churches.

But we must remember how utterly different was the state of the country. The city of Birmingham was a mere village; Macaulay says it did not contain a single bookshop, and that Dr. Johnson's father used to go over from Lichfield on a market-day, and open a bookstall for a few hours. There were no great centres of population. Worcester itself had only 8,000 people, and the whole population of England was not much more than 5 millions. People did not move about much, therefore few *new* Churches were needed. There is not a single instance in the Diary of the Bishop being asked to *license* a new building for divine worship, nor to *reopen* a Church after restoration. If they restored their Churches they did not ask or expect an episcopal benediction. The only Church the Bishop consecrated was Marston Chapel, in the parish of Yardley, which was built by a legacy left by a Mr. Job Marston.

The entry is as follows :—

"1704, May 25, Th. Ascension Day. My L^{d} went from Sr John Burgoigne's and consecrated Marston Chapell in the Parish of Yardley. Mr Richd Banner (the new Incumbent) preacht. My Ld Digby, Sr Charles Holt, and many Persons of quality attended the Solemnity. In the afternoon my L^{d} consecrated the Chapel yard."

Some years afterwards the Bishop wrote a letter to the Churchwardens of the Mother Church of Yardley ordering them to supply bread and wine for the Holy Communion at the daughter Church.

The Bishop consecrated *one* other Churchyard, at St. Peter's, Droitwich.

Bishop Lloyd held his CONSISTORY COURT from time to time, and heard causes concerning the Clergy. It was held in the south aisle of the nave of the Cathedral, near the spot where the Font now stands. He seems to have had summary jurisdiction, and did not hesitate to act upon it.

So much has been said and written on the subject of bishops' courts of first instance, that it may be well to bring together all the entries in the Diary that refer to the subject.

"1700, Jun. 17. My L^{d} sate in his consistory and heard causes y^{t} concerned ye clergy."

(As the result of this sitting he suspended John Goodwin, Rector of Moreton Bagot, for marrying persons illegally.)

"July 17. My L^{d} sate in his Consistory and suspended William Bartholomew, Clerke, Vicar of Salford, in the County of Warwick, for contumacy in not appearing to answer articles."

"His Lo^{p} also judicially admonished Rowl^{d} Dennis, Clerke, Vicar of Himbledon [1], to Reside on his Vicarage, and be more diligent in the Dutyes of his place by catechising ye youth and administering ye Sacraments, &c., and not to tipple or frequent Alehouses."

"1704, July 27. My L^{d} went from Hartlebury to Worcester and sate in the Consistory to hear causes."

[1] One of the Priest Vicars of the Cathedral.

"1705, June 7. I was with my L^d at ye Consistory at Worcester."

(The Chancellor, who usually assisted the Bishop, was ill and died on the 12th.)

"June 21. My L^d went and kept his Consistory Co^rt at Worc^r."

(Next day he suspended 2 of the Priest Vicars for neglect of duty.)

"July 12. My L^d held his Consistory."

"Aug. 2. My L^d held his Consistory and visited the Chapter."

"Aug. 14. My L^d held a Consistory and visited the Chapter."

"Aug. 15. My L^d sate in the Consistory and visited the Chapter, and adj^d the Visitac'on till Thursday, 11 Apr., 1706."

(He held this adjourned Visitation on Apr. 11, 1706.)

"1706, Oct. 10. My L^d sate in the Consistory."

Thus during the years of the Diary the Bishop 'sat' in his Consistory Court ten times—six of which occurred in the Summer of 1705, and were evidently connected with the state of the Cathedral Chapter, in which much laxity prevailed [1].

The Bishop's Court was refreshingly speedy.

The Clergy were under strict discipline, and so were the Laity. Chancellor Price records the case of a Baronet brought before him as the Bishop's official for incontinency. In pronouncing judgment he thus addressed him:—"I shall not attempt to revive the exemplary discipline of former times, when they punished crimes of this kind with thrice surrounding the Parish Church for 3 several Sundays, and sometimes thrice round the market place on 3 market days in high market time bare foot in the then strict habit of penitents, covered with a sheet, and carrying a white wand. But I do decree that you shall make a public confession of y^r fault in a form agreeable to y^r case, *in a white sheet before the Congregation immediately after the Niceen Creed, in the Cath^l Church of Worcester, on Sunday the 26th inst., and in the Parish Church of Salford, on Sunday the 2nd Oct. next.*"

We wonder if the erring Baronet performed his penance.

When did this 'exemplary' discipline die out?

In addressing another delinquent, Chancellor Price used these striking words:—

[1] See Noake's "History of Worcester Cathedral."

"*There is no wash good for stains of this kind but tears, sorrow and repentance.*"

And to a third he finishes his sentence with this searching word of warning:—

"*Take heed that all this be not ridiculed in your next mirth*[1]."

In those days TRAVELLING was a matter of difficulty—the roads were execrable. Four or six horses must have been needed to drag the Bishop's carriage through the muddy lanes of Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.

In coming from London he generally 'lay' at Maidenhead, 26 miles, then at Sunningwell, near Abingdon, where his son was Vicar, then at Oxford. The next stage generally brought him to the confines of his Diocese, and if he did not stay at Shipston or elsewhere to confirm, he reached Worcester, 110 miles, on the 5th day, sleeping *four* nights on the way. (The express train does it now, without stopping, in *two hours and a quarter.*)

Francis Evans travelled faster, for he almost always rode on horseback—as indeed everybody did except the very rich. He occasionally took the stage-coach. It held only five or six passengers, for nobody could go on the top because of the swinging of the coach. Even then he had to spend two nights between Worcester and London.

PUBLIC EVENTS are incidentally noted in the Diary. For example, the death of King William III., the entry of the Venetian Ambassador into London, 23rd April, 1706, the founding of Queen Anne's Bounty, Parliamentary Elections, the Embassy to Denmark[2], &c.

The Diary notices some CURIOUS CUSTOMS.

For example, the Bishop in those days was empowered to grant licences to *surgeons.* It was an old custom. Many years before, the Rector of Hartlebury was licensed by his father-in-law, Bishop Thornborough of Worcester, to practise medicine, and when he was turned out of his living at the Rebellion, he took to doctoring his parishioners and thus supported himself during the Commonwealth.

[1] Chancellor Price's *Notitia.*

[2] Rev. Charles Vernon ordained Priest, being about to go with the Embassy, p. 64.

Bishop Lloyd frequently granted licences to surgeons. Here is a case in point :—

"Henry Chance of Mary Cleeve, in the Parish of Bidford, was licensed by the Chanc^r to practise chirurgery by letting of blood and drawing of teeth, *having subscribed to the* 39 *Articles!*"

What a precaution! How consoling to know that the man who nearly bled you to death, or dragged you round the room in his effort to draw your tooth was at any rate an undoubted member of the Church of England!

Another custom worth noting was the immense length of sermons. The Bishop on one occasion preached *for two hours* in Hartlebury Church [1], and afterwards ordained six Deacons and three Priests!

THE POVERTY OF THE CLERGY was very great. A curate was "passing rich" when he received £40 a year, often he had to be content with £24. Rectors and Vicars were not much better off. Queen Anne on her birthday announced her generous gift to the poorer benefices of Tenths and First-fruits, which is still known as Queen Anne's Bounty, and the Bishop had to make a return of all Livings in the Diocese which would benefit by her kindness [2]. A list is given of the Livings in the gift of the Bishop of Worcester [3]. Some were exceedingly small: St. Helen's, Worcester, was valued at £30 a year, Elmley Castle at £20. Fladbury is set down as the largest; it was worth £450 a year. Hartlebury is put at £250.

In consequence of the poverty of the Clergy, the Bishop often granted dispensations to men to hold two or more Livings. It was needful then, and it may become needful again. Chancellor Price, a high-minded and sensible man, defends the practice. "Take away pluralities," he says in his "Notitia," "and you take away worthy priests; take away those and you overthrow the Church."

A pitiful picture is drawn in the Diary of the poverty of the Clergy; witness this entry :—

"My L^d's Certificate wch he gave the Vicar of Hales Owen's wife wth 30*s*. tow^ds repairing the Vicarage House.

"I know the Vicarage of Hales Owen within my Diocese has a large Cure of Soules belonging to it, and is but meanly endowed, and I have been informed and doe believe that Mr Thomas Jukes, Vicar there, who is a diligent Conscientious man, and performs

[1] p. 113. [2] p. 94. [3] p. 24.

his Duty well, has a charge of seaven children, and can very ill bear the addic'onall charge that is fal'n upon him of repairing the Vicarage House, for wch reason I have contributed towards it, taking it to be a work of Christian charity.

"This at his wife's desire I have thought fit to certify under my hand this 22th day of November, 1705.

"W. Worcester."

There is a world of pathos in those words, "*at his wife's desire.*" Poor thing! The thought of her "seaven children" drove her to seek the assistance which the Vicar could not bring himself to ask.

Some of the Bishoprics were of small value, and were held with other preferment. The Bishop of Oxford was allowed to retain the Deanery of Worcester, and a Bishop of Gloucester[1] held the Living of Hartlebury. There is a letter inserted in the Diary from Bishop Lloyd:—"To my much honoured Friend Sr John Bridgeman, Barronet, at Castle Bromwich in Warwickshire," reminding him of the good intention of his Father to attach the great Living of Wigan to the Bishopric of Chester.

Thanks to the work of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners there are no longer the glaring contrasts there used to be between the incomes of the English sees.

In those days PARTY FEELING was intensely strong. The names Whig and Tory, High Church and Low Church, were newly invented, and involved greater issues than ever since. It was not a question of Liberal principles or Conservative principles, but of adherence to a Protestant or a Roman Catholic sovereign.

The Trial of Dr. Sacheverell, whom Smollett calls "a clergyman of narrow intellect and over heated imagination," but who won the public ear by his fervid eloquence and striking delivery, created an amount of excitement difficult for us to estimate. His trial in Westminster Hall lasted for three weeks, and it is said that Queen Anne herself attended it each day. The names of four personages who took part in it appear in the Diary:— LORD GODOLPHIN, who instituted the prosecution, LORD CHANCELLOR COWPER, who presided at the Trial, and voted against Sacheverell, CHIEF JUSTICE

[1] Miles Smith, one of the chief Revisers of the Bible, who wrote the longer Preface to the A.V.

SIR JOHN PAKINGTON, BART., M.P.
(Sir Roger de Coverley.)

From a Picture in the possession of Lord Hampton.

NATHAN WRIGHT, who was Junior Counsel for the Crown, and BISHOP TALBOT of Oxford (Dean of Worcester), who was one of the four bishops in the House of Lords who were for condemning him.

When Sacheverell came to Worcester in his triumphal progress after his release from prison, Bishop Lloyd would not allow the bells to be rung in his honour [1].

At election times men were carried off their feet by passionate party spirit.

Bishop Lloyd and his son were accused by Sir John Pakington in the House of Commons; not of bribery, for both parties did that freely enough, but of hindering his election by unwarrantable interference, and of slandering his character.

Sir John, who is thought to be the original of Addison's Sir Roger de Coverley, was a man of distinction in Worcestershire—a high Tory, very honest, but with some absurdities which endeared him to his friends. The Bishop, in a letter to the Vicar of Inkborough, published in the evidence given at the Bar of the House of Commons in 1702, writes thus:—

"You cannot but have heard, and probably have seen, how the Bishops of this Church in general, and 5 or 6 of them in particular, have been abused with impudent Lies in two Libels that were published by Sir John Pakington almost a Year since, in order to his last Election.

"At that time I had not given him the least Provocation; and for the other abused Bishops, few of them knew his Face. Since that time, finding at my Return from London, where I was all the while he was libelling me in the Country, that he had published these Libels, some of them with his own Hands, and the rest by his Agents, I could not but think myself obliged by all honest ways to oppose his Election."

Accordingly the Bishop caused his Secretary to write the following letter to his different bailiffs.

"Whitehall, 15 Nov., 1701.

"Mr * * * *

"My Ld desires you'l go to every Person within his Mannor of * * * * * * that have votes, and desire them to appear at the

[1] Noake.

next Election for Members of Parliam^{t} and vote for Mr Bromley and Mr Walsh; his Lo^{p} knows of no other that will stand except Sr John Packington, and his Lo^{p} does not think him as fit a Person to ye King and Countrey as either of the other two. His Lo^{p} desires you'l take an acc^{t} of ye names of all such as will vote at his Lo^{p}'^{s} request, and keep it by you, and let them know he'l hold himself obliged to them.

"I am,

"Yo^{r} Friend and Servt,

"ffra. Evans.

For M^{r} .....

Bayliff of .....

Sir John Pakington made a serious complaint in the House of Commons "against the Lord Bishop of Worcester and Mr Lloyd his Son, relating to the Rights and Privileges of the House of Commons." He accused the Bishop and his son of aspersing him and his ancestors, and stated that the Bishop's Secretary also aspersed him to several Freeholders in the like manner, representing him as unfit to Sit in the House, threatening them with the Bishop's Displeasure; and said they might as well vote for the Prince of Wales as for him!

One of the chief witnesses whom Sir John brought against the Bishop was the Rector of Hampton Lovett, the Rev. Charles Stephens. This gentleman, who was Sir John's domestic Chaplain, was much beholden to him. His letters, now in Lord Hampton's possession, are all couched in very obsequious language. In one of these he writes of "the ill practices made use of at the last poll," and remarks, "We do hear of some Persons who have received letters from the Bishop of Worcester, but *it was to none he sent but such as he has some sort of obligation upon;* so that it will be difficult, if possible, to gain some of his letters unless you have a compulsory power of sending for Persons, Papers, and Records." . . . . "I have no more to add but to return you my humble thanks for your noble present of oysters, which were the best that ever were eaten." In a P.S. he adds:

"The story of M^{r}. Walsh's being a Socinian awakens ye clergy; but *for letters to charge their Bishop, you can't expect it from 'em.*"

He signs himself: "Your most obedient and faithful humble servant."

On another occasion he writes: "Your generosity to me in sending me so noble a present of oysters is far beyond what I had any occasion to expect or deserve from you. I can but return you my most humble and hearty thanks for this and all favours, with assurances that I shall never be wanting whenever it shall be in my power to serve you most faithfully to my utmost."

The House of Commons being strongly Tory at the time, without hearing any evidence on the Bishop's side,

"*Resolved*

"That Sir John Pakington has by Evidence fully made out the charge which he exhibited against the Lord Bishop of Worcester.

"*Resolved*

"That Sir John Pakington has by evidence fully made out the charge against Mr. Lloyd, the said Lord Bishop's son.

"*Resolved*

"That it appears to this House, That the Proceedings of William, Lord Bishop of Worcester, his Son and his Agents, in order to the hindering the Election of a Member for the County of Worcester, has been Malicious, Unchristian, and Arbitrary, in high Violation of the Liberties and Privileges of the Commons of England.

"*Resolved*

"That a humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That She will be Graciously pleased to Remove William Lord Bishop of Worcester from being Lord Almoner to Her Majesty."

"*Ordered*, That the said Resolutions and Address be Presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy-Council."

"*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the Matter relating to the Lord Bishop of Worcester be adjourned till this day sevenight.

"*Ordered*, That Mr. Attorney General do prosecute Mr. Lloyd, the Lord Bishop of Worcester's son, for his said offences, after his Privilege as a Member of the Lower House of Convocation is out."

Two days afterwards Her Majesty "was pleased to give this most gracious answer."

I am very sorry that there is occasion for this Address against the Bishop of Worcester: I shall Order and Direct that he shall

no longer continue to supply the Place of Almoner, but I will put another in his room to perform that Office.

It is curious to find how these proceedings were viewed by men of opposite parties. Some were overjoyed at Sir John's triumph, others took the Bishop's side as strongly, and spoke of him as a martyr.

The Diary shows that although the Bishop was removed from his post of Almoner, he was not banished from Court.

"1704, Sept. 12, Tuesday. My L^d^ waited on the Queen at Windsor, and had an hour and a half's audience, and her Ma^ty^ was pleased to bespeak a dinner for his Lo^p^; and he returned y^t^ night by Torchlight to Maidenhead."

Nor did the proceedings lead to any permanent breach with Sir John himself, for the Secretary notes :—

"1706, Sept. 15, Sunday. Sr John Packington and his Lady visited my L^d^ at Hartlebury, and brought his Daughters to be confirmed by his Lo^p^."

And a few days afterwards, "*Sept.* 25, *Friday. My L^d^ and Lady dined with Sr Jo^n^ Pakington at Westwood.*"

The Diary ends abruptly. The last entry is in Feb., 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

Yet Francis Evans continued to note the number of deer in the Park for two more years, until 30 June, 1709.

The Editor has received much help and information from many kind friends, especially from the Rev. J. Bowstead Wilson, Rector of Knightwick, Rev. Canon Bigg, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford, The Lady Hampton, The Hon. Hugh Pakington, Rev. Albert Watson, late Principal of Brasenose, Rev. Dr. Gibbins, Headmaster of Kidderminster Grammar School.

He is indebted to the Headmaster of Hartlebury Grammar School, E. W. Hopewell, Esq., for photographs of Bishop Lloyd and Sir John Pakington.

The Rev. R. A. Wilson, Vicar of Hints, has been so good as to correct the proofs of the Latin entries.

D. R.

HARTLEBURY,
August, 1903.

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DIARY

OF

FRANCIS EVANS,

SECRETARY TO BISHOP LLOYD,

1699 — 1706.

These notes are on the inside of the front board of the Diary.

My L^ds^ Chaplains that he Qualifyed under Seal.

1681. Robert Wynn, A.M.
James Davies, A.M.
1683. Ow. Davies, A.M.
John Mostyn, A.M.
1693. Wm. Baker, A.M.
1700. Wm. Lloyd, A.M.

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Trustees of Hartlebury School.

1700. Mr. Ja. Stillingfleet, Rector.
Mr. Tho. Lowbridge.
Mr. Samuel Eyre, dead 170$\frac{0}{1}$.
Mr. Hen. Whittacre.
Mr. Wm. Wheeler, } Collectors 1700.
Mr. Job Naxon, }
John Hill, dead 170$\frac{0}{1}$.
Mr. Ja. Wilmot, dead.
Em. Fidkin.
Rob. Fidkin.
Walter Dun of Lincombe.
Robert Ballard.
John Ballard.
Richd. Griffin.
Edward Woodhouse.
Hen. Woodhouse.
Jon. Thorne.
Jon. Prattenton.
John Hill, Junr., } Chosen 26 July, 1700.
Mr. Edwin Eyre, }

DIARY OF FRANCIS EVANS.

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The R^t Reverend Father in God EDWARD[1] Lord Bishop of Worcester dyed on Munday the 27th day of March, 1699.

The R^t Reverend Father in God WILLIAM Lord Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield was translated to the See of Worcester and confirmed in St Martin's Church in the Fields[2] on Thursday, 22 Jun. 1699, and enthroned in person at Worcester on Tuesday, 8 Aug. 1699.

[1] Edward Stillingfleet. [2] Of which he had been Vicar.

Mr Richard Lloyd, B.D., of Oriel Coll. in Oxon. ab't ye year 1628, was 7th son and 10th child of Mr David Lloyd ap John of Henblase in Angliscy, by Cathrine Owen of Penmynydd. Suffered very much upon the Kg's acc't in the time of the wars. He was between ye years 1644 and 59, 4 or 5 times imprisoned by the Rebels. He dyed at Oxon. in June, 1659, and was buryed at St Peter's in the Bayly at Oxon.

1627, 18 Aug. 1627. WILLIAM, the son of Richd Lloyd, was born at Tylehurst [1], near Reading, in Berkss., and christened 26 Aug. 1627.

1637. Admitted in Oriel Coll. Oxon. Lent term 163⅞.

1642. Took his degree of B.A. at Jesus Coll. Oct. 25, 1642 [2], being Tuesday after Edgehill Fight.

1646. M.A. in ye time of ye Oxon. Articles [3], anº. 1646.

1648. Ordeined Deacon by Bp Skinner [4] of Oxon. anº 1648.

1650. Went to be chaplain to Mr Wm Barkhouse of Swallowfield

1653. abt 1650, married Mrs Cheney abt 1653, and buryed her 1654.

1656. Went to Wadham Colledge with Mr John Barkhouse anº 1656 May. Ordained Priest by Bp Browning [5] of Exeter anº 1656.

Continued at Wadham Coll. till 1659 ending.

1660. Admitted Prebend of Rippon Mich. 1660, had yn a quartan ague and no health for business for 3 or 4 yrs.

1666. Made King's Chaplaine July, 1666. First waiting in November, 1666.

1667. Batchelor and Dr in Divinity 2 July, 1667. Act. at Oxon.

Prebend of Woodford and Willesford in the Church of Salisbury Dec. 1667. Rector of St Marie's in Reading 9 Jan. 166⅞.

1668. Married to Anne, dau. of Dr Walter Jones, Prebend of

[1] His father was Rector of Tilehurst and Sonning.

[2] At the age of 15. He got a Scholarship at Jesus College when 12 years old.

[3] When Parliament adopted the Westminster Confession, and Presbyterianism was established.

[4] Bishop of Oxford, and afterwards of Worcester. He had the courage to go on ordaining men during the Commonwealth.

[5] Ralph Browning, Master of St. Cath. Coll., Camb., Archdeacon of Coventry. Bishop of Exeter, 1641. Deprived, 1642 died 1659.

West^{r}, by B^{p} Dolben[1], in K. Hen. viith Chapel Dec. 4, 1668.

1668. Archdeacon of Merioneth, 13 June, 1668.

1672. Dean of Bangor 3 May, 1672.

1674. Residentiary of Salisbury, being chosen by all the Canons but the Dean, on the death of Dr Priaux, but did not come in till the death of Dr Hinchman in Apr. 1674.

1676. Vicar of St Martin's in the Fields, Dec. 1676.

1677. Went with the Princesse[2] into Holland, being her 1st Chaplain, Nov. 1677.

1680. Consecrated B^{p} of St Asaph, 3 Oct. 1680.

1692. Translated to Lichfield and Coventry, 20 Oct. 1692.

1699. Translated to Worcester 22 June, 1699[3].

William my L$^{d's}$ son was born at St Marie's in Reading 20 Oct. 1674.

Ann my L$^{d's}$ daughter was born at Sunningwel 7th and baptised 20 Oct. 1684[4].

Ordinac'o 16 July, 1699.

Ordinatio celebrata in Capella Regia apud Whitehall per reverendum in Christo Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn Ep'um die D'nico decimo sexto (vizt.) die mensis Julii Anno D'ni 1699°. P'rte Johanne Price Notario Pub'co.

Diacon 1. RIC'US EVANS literatus, in Sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

Mr Price had the fees.

A Deputation for the Warrener to be gamekeeper at Hartlebury.

To all Persons unto whom these p^{r}sents shall come and whom the same may concern. I, WILLIAM, by divine permission

[1] Dean of Westminster and Bishop of Rochester.

[2] Afterwards Queen Mary.

[3] At the age of 72. He died at Hartlebury, 30th Aug. 1717, in his ninety-first year, having been a bishop for 37 years.

[4] Married 1707 Walter Offley, R. of Bertimley in Chesshire.

Bishop of Worcester, send greeting. Whereas by an Act of Parliament for the better preservation of Game made in the 23th year of the Reigne of our late Sovereigne Lord King Charles the second, the Lds of mannors may by writing under their hands and seales authorize one or more gamekeepers in their mannors or Royalties, who being thereunto authorized may execute the said Act within the prsincts and bounds of such mannors. Know yee therefore that in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, I, the said William, Bishop of Worcester, have appointed, constituted and made, and by these prsents do appoint, and constitute and make John Steel of the Parish of Hartlebury, in the County of Worcester, one of my Gamekeepers, within, of, and throughout all my said Mannor of Hartlebury. Giving and granting unto the said John Steel full power and authority according to the Limitations, directions, and prscriptions of the said Act of Parlt, to search for any guns, bows, greyhounds, setting dogs, ferrets, cony dogs, or other dogs to destroy hares or conyes, and also hares tra'mells and other nets, hare pipes, snares, or other engines and such as he shall find to seize and take from any person or persons prohibited by the said Act to keep or use them, and the same to deteine and keep, to and for my use, and further to do and execute every other thing wch by ye sd Act of Parlt as gamekeeper within the said mannor he is empowered and qualifyed to do. Provided alwayes that the said John Steel shall continue gamekeeper and execute the said office during my pleasure only, and untill I shall think fit to revoke this Warrt by giving him notice thereof by a writing signed with my hand. In wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the tenth day of August, in ye year of our Lord 1699.

W. Wigorn.

In the prsence of J. Price.
ffrancis Evans, N.P.

A certificate granted by my Ld to Mrs Verboon to certify that shee was Baptized.

Omnibus X'ti Fidelibus ad quos praesentes literae pervenerint seu quos infrascripta tangunt seu tangere poterint quomodolibet in futurum. WILLIELMUS per'ne Di'a Wigorniensis Episcopus Salutem in D'no. Sciatis quod decimo die mensis Octobris Anno

D'ni Mill'imo sexcen'mo octogesimo, nos tunc Pastorali cura animarum in Eccl'ia paro'li sancti Martini in Campis in com. Middlesexiæ fungentes coram congregatione tunc et ibidem congregat: tempore Divinorum celebrac'o'is quandam Evam Cohan Judaeam in Hollandiæ, ut ipsa asseruit, natam, et ad religionem Christianam conversam, a nobis autem sufficienter instructam, nomine Elizabethæ tunc et ibidem assumpto, secundum morem et ritum Eccl'iæ Anglicanæ Baptizavimus, et in Eccl'iam Christi admisimus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum n'rum Episcopale praesentibus apponi fecimus. Dat apud Westmonasterium Decimo die mensis Julii Anno D'ni Mill'imo sexcen'mo nonagesimo nono, N'ræq. Translac'onis ad Ep'atum Wigorniensem An'o Primo—. 1699, *July* 10.

W. 12 July, 99. I . [1] . . . Snelston [2].
F. 14. I got to Snelston.
M. 24. I went . [1] . . . family from Eccleshall [3] to Snelston.
W. Aug. 2. I left Eccleshall and went to Lichfield, and so to Sunningwel to meet my L^d^ and his family.
F. 4. My L^d^ and his family left London.
Sat. 5. Wee met at Sunningwel.
M. 7. Wee lay at Broadway.
Tu. 8. Wee got to Worcester and my L^d^ was Inthroned there.

Northfield. In Reg'ro Ep'ali Wigorn sic Intratur.
24 July, 1699.

Nequis admittatur vel instituatur ad Rectoriam de Northfield in Com. et Dioec' Wigorn. modo p^r^ mortem Gualteri Hinckley clerici ultimi Incumbentis ib'm vacan. nisi prius vocetur. . . . Jervoyce Ar. verus et indubitatus ejus^d^ Rectoriae Patronus aut Johannes Chetle N. P. Procur' pro ejus Interesse.

Tu. Aug. 8, 1699. After my L^d^ was Inthroned at Worcester he confirmed the ArchDeacon's [4] Lease of the Rectory of Claverdon, granted to Jane Hodges, widdow, her heires

[1] In cypher—probably the same as the Bishop used.

[2] In Derbyshire, 2½ miles S.W. of Ashbourne.

[3] Bishop Lloyd had lived at Eccleshall Castle for 7 years, while Bishop of Lichfield.

[4] John Fleetwood, Archdeacon of Worcester, Rector of Ripple and of Kinwarton.

and assignes during the lives of her the s^d^ Jane and to William Shepard, Esqre, and Rob. Sheppard, Gent., and during the life of the longest liver of them, yielding to the ArchDeacon and his succ^rs^ viii^li^ yearly rent.

W. Aug. 9. My L^d^ came to Hartlebury.

Th. 10. My L^d^ granted a Deputac'on to Wm Norton, Gent., to be a gamekeeper within the Mannors of Whistones and Claines. *Revoked Oct.* 1702, *and granted to Tho. Wild, Esq.*

His L^op^ also granted a Deputac'on to the Warrener, John Steele, to be a gamekeeper within the Mannor of Hartlebury.

F. 11. My L^d^ left Hartlebury and went to Eccleshall.

Apud Eccleshall 17° Aug. 1699°.

R. Old Swinford. GULIELMUS HALLIFAX e Coll. Corp. Christi apud Oxon. socius ac S.T.P. admissus fuit in Rectoriam de Swinford Veteri in com. et Dioecs. Wigorn. per mortem Simonis Ford, S.T.P. jam vacan. ex p'ntac'one Thomae Foley Ar. dic'ae Rectoriae pleno Jure Patron.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Joh'i Fleetwood Cl'co A.M. Archi'no Wigorn. pro Induct'one dc' Gul. Hallifax in poss'ionem, etc. *Aged* 44^rs^, *ordeined Priest by Bp. Fell*[1] *Lent*, 80.

1699, M. Aug. 28. I went to Montgom^ryss^ Assizes to be a witness for Mr Edward's son, fryday the first day of September. Hee obtained a verdict for Simony ag^t^ the Dean of St Asaph, Mr Daniel Price, for being simoniacally promoted to the sinecure of Llansanfrayd by the p^r^sent B^p^ of St Asaph[2].

F. Sept. 22. My L^d^ and his family left Eccleshall and went to settle at Hartlebury.

Sept. 25. My L^d^ granted a com'ission to John Price, B. Laws and Chancellor of Worcester, and Richd Bentley[3], D.D., Prebend of Worcester, to enquire into the Jus Patronatus of the

[1] Of Oxford, 1676.

[2] Edward Jones succeeded Lloyd at St. Asaph. Tried by Archbishop Tenison for Simony, and suspended for six months, June, 1701. Deprivation continued till May, 1702. Died 1703.

[3] The celebrated critic.

Rectory of Abbots Moreton now void, and to sit the 27th instant at Worcester.

Sept. 26. My Ld sent out Processe to the ArchDeacon to sum'on his ep'all visitac'on to be held at Worcester, Tuesday, 30 October, for Worcester and Powic Deanryes.

At Evesham, Thursday, 2 Nov., for Blockley and Pershore.

At Stratford, Fryday, 3 Nov., for Warwick and Kington.

At Kidderminster, Munday, 6 Nov., for Kidderminster and Droitwych Deanrys.

Tu. 3 October. I went to Eccleshall and return'd to Hartlebury, Thursday, Oct. 5.

Mem' that Mr Chancellor wth my Ld's leave whilst his Lop was at Eccleshall granted Licenses to ye Curates follg.

29 Aug. 99. THO. PARSONS, A.M., ad curam de le Berrow infra Decan. de Powick.

30 Aug. THO. GIBSON, A.M., ad curam de Bradley in Dec. de Pershore.

16 Sept. MICH. PERRY, Cl., ad curam de Besford in Dec. de Pershore.

1699, Oct. 8.

Ordinac'o apud Hartlebury.

Ordinatio celebrata in Eccl'ia Paro'li de Hartlebury in com. Wigorn. die D'nico (vi'zt) Octavo die mensis Octobris Anno D'ni Milli'mo sexcen'mo nonagessimo nono per Re'dum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um (Li'a sive Facultate Reverendissimi in XP'o Patris ac D'ni D'ni Thomae[1] Providentia di'a Cantaur ArchiEp'i ad ordinand' extra quatuor tempora prius obtenta) me p'nte ffranc'o Evans No'rio Pub'co.

Diacon. 1. GEORGIUS EDWARDS in paro'ia de Llanymynech in com. Salopiae 23 ann. natus e Collegio Jesu Cantab. in Artibus Baccalaureus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri 1. GULIELMUS LLOYD (filius re'di Patris anted'ci) in

[1] Tenison.

paroc'a sc'ae Mariae Reading in com. Berks 25 ann. natus, ex AEde Christi apud Oxon' in Artibus Magister et Diacon. ad sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Archiepum Ebor*[1], 9° *Oct.* 1698°.

2. THOMAS HALL in paroc'a de Northlech in com. Gloucest^r 26 ann. natus e Collegio Pembrokiensi in Academia Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaur. et Diacon. ad inserviendum Curae Animar. Capellae de Henley in Arden in com. Warwicen. et Dioec' Wigorn. intitulatus ad Sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Edru'm*[2] *Ep'um Gloucest^r*, 29° *Mar.* 96.

3. RICHARDUS BURMAN in paro'ia de Stratford super Avon 28 ann. natus e Collegio Sancti Johannis Evangelistae apud Cantabrigiensis in Artibus Baccalaureus et Diaconus ad inserviendum curae annimar. eccli'ae de Grafton Flyford in com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus de vita sua laudibili et moribus prout Canones requirunt com'endatus ac in doctrina et scientia examinat. et quanquam aegre spe tamen melioris prefectûs approbat. *Diacon. per Edr'um*[3] *Ep'um Wigorn.* 22 *Sept.* 95.

1699, Oct. 8. Refused.

SAMUEL MOGRIDGE, the son of Anthony Mogridge[4], clerk, for insufficiency and not being of full age.

The Jury on the Jus Patronatûs finding Edward Gale's adm^r Lewis Gale to be Patron of Abbots Moreton pro hac vice, my L^d admitted his clerke, Thomas Allen.

Abbot's Moreton Rectoria.

THOMAS ALLEN, cl'icus e Coll. Sci. Johannis Cantab. A. B. et Rector eccl'ae paro'lis de Spernal in Com. Warwic. admissus fuit in Rectoriam de Abbots Moreton in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. ex p'ntac'one Ludovici Gale Adm'rator bonor etc. Edri' Gale def'ci dc'ae Rec'oriae pro hac vice Patron. vacat per mortem Gulielmi Brookes cle'ci ult'i Incumbentis ib'm.

[1] John Sharp.
[2] Fowler, Bishop of Gloucester, 1691—1715.
[3] Stillingfleet.
[4] Master of Martley school and V. of Kenswick.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Johannis Fleetwood Archdiacono Wigorn. pro Induct'o'e dci' Thomae Allen in poss'-ione, etc. *Ordained Priest by B^p Thomas*[1], *Mich.* 87, *aged* 38.

W. Oct. 18. I went to Eccleshall and continued there till Fri., 27 Oct., and then returned to Hartlebury.

Tu. 24. My L^d went to Worcester and took ye Oathes, &c., at the Quarter Sessions, which was adj^d for y^t purpose to that day, and his Lo^p returned that night to Hartlebury.

M. 30. My L^d went to Worcester to hold his Visitac'on, and confirmed ab^t 150 young persons and children of 10 y^rs old and upwards in the Cathedrall.

R. Naunton.

Apud Wigorn. 30 October, 1699°.

Robertus Bell Cl'icus in Artibus Magister admissus fuit in Rectoriam de Naunton Beauchamp in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Benjamin Slater cl'ici ult'i Incumbentis ib'm jam vacan. ex p^rsentac'oe Illustrissimi in XP'o Principis ac D'ni D'ni Gulielmi Tertii dei gra'a nunc Angliae, etc., Regis fidei defensoris dc'ae Rectoriae (ut asseritur) pleno jure Patron.

Et scriptum est Archi'no Wigorn. ejusve officiali aut alii cuicu'q. in hac parte p'tatem habenti pro Inducc'one d'ci Roberti Bell in poss'ionem &c.

He subscribed and took ye Oathes before my L^d and ye Reg^r on ye 24th of October instant, and his Instrum^ts are dated that day tho' Instituted this day.

Tu. Oct. 31. My L^d held his Visitac'on at Worcester for the Deanrys of Worcester and Powick, and Dr. Wall[2], Rector of Holt, preached the Visitac'on Sermon.

The clergy were treated by my L^d at the Talbott Inne[3].

W. Nov. 1. My L^d not being very well by reason of a pain in his stomach, and the rivers being out, his Lo^p granted a Com'ission to Mr. John Price, his Chancellor, and Dr.

[1] Bishop of Worcester, 1863. Non-Juror, d. 1689.

[2] George Walls, S.T.P., R. of Holt, 1695—1727.

[3] Probably the Talbot in the Tything, as the manor of Whistons and Claines belonged to the Bishop.

Jephcot and the other Rural Deanes to visit at *Evesham* for the Deanrys of Evesham, Blockley, and Parshore, on
Th. 2. Thursday the 2nd of Nov., and at *Stratford* for the
Fri. 3. Deanrys of Warwick and Kington on Fryday ye 3rd of Nov., and they were visited accordingly, and his Lo^p^ returned to Hartlebury.

Dr. Hodge[1], R^r^ of Harvington, preached at Evesham.

Mr. Hum. White, Vic. of Welsbourn, preached at Stratford on Math. 10. 16.

Idlicot. ANDREW ARTHUR, Clerke, was licensed to serve the cure of Idlicot.

1699, Nov. 6. My L^d^ held his Primary Visitac'on at Kedderminster for the Deanrys of Kedderminster and Wych, and Mr. Trustram[2], R^r^ of Belbroughton, preached on 1 Tim. 4. 16. His Lo^p^ treated his clergy wth a dinner at ye Lyon, and returned that night to Hartlebury.

Tu. Nov. 7. My L^d^ granted the Fiat foll^g^ to Mr. Jo^n^ Moore to
Abbots serve the Cure of Abbots Moreton, the s^d^ Mr. Moore
Moreton. having first subscribed and taken the oathes.

Fiat Licentia JOHANNI MOORE, A. B. et Diacono ad inserviend. Curae Animarum Eccl'ae paro'lis de Abbots Moreton in com. et Dioe'ces Wigorn., quatenus ad Dia-
£20 sal'. conatus suum ordinem attinet et non aliter neq. alio modo (subscriptis prius et juratis coram Nobis per praedictum Johannem Moore om'bus et singulis Ar'lis et Juramentis in hac parte de jure subscribendis et Jurandis).

Dat apud Castrum n'rum de Hartlebury 7° die mensis Novembris Anno D'ni 1699.

W. Wigorn[3].

Diacon. per Gilb. Hereford[4],
5° *Mar.* 169$\frac{8}{9}$.
B.A. e Coll. Merton, Oxon.

[1] Moses Hodges, R. of Harvington, 1690—1725.

[2] The Tristrams owned the Rectory of Belbroughton for several generations.

[3] The Bishop signed *Latin* documents thus —His ordinary signature was W. Worcester.

[4] Gilbert Ironside, son of Bishop Gilbert Ironside, of Bristol and Hereford, Warden of Wadham for 45 years; Vice-Chancellor; opposed James II.; Bishop of Bristol, 1689; of Hereford, 1691; d. 1701.
"Blunt and honest."

W. Nov. 8. I went to Eccleshall.

12. My L^{d} preached at Hartlebury.

M. Nov. 13. I returned to Hartlebury.

Tu. 14. My L^{d} granted a Deputate'on under his episcopal seale to Humfrey Fyshe, Esq., Steward of his Mannors and the Co^{rts} thereunto belonging to be his gamekeeper, of, within, and throughout all the mannors and Lordships belonging to the Bishoprick of Worcester, and all the lands and hereditaments thereof wherever the same are, to do and execute everything wch by ye Act of Parl^{t} as gamekeeper of and within ye s^{d} mannors and Lordships he is qualified to do. He the s^{d} Hum. Fyshe rendering an account of his actings herein when he shall be and hereunto reasonably required.

Stat. 22 *and* 33^{d} *Car.* 2^{d}.

1699.

Nov. 15. EDWARD BEST, B.A., of Magd. Hall in Oxon, and Deacon, aged 25 (having subscribed and taken ye usual oathes before my Ld Bishop), had a Fiat for a License to serve ye Cure of Stone in ye County and Diocese of Worcester.

Deacon by Gilb. Hereford, Mich. 98.

Th. 16. I was sent for to Eccleshall, my Wife being very ill.

My L^{d} did set out for London, and lay on Sunday at Sunningwel, and reached London on Tuesday the 21th.

21. My Wife dyed about midnight.

27. My L^{d} granted a Com'ission to his Chancellor, John Price, Batchelor of Lawes, to admit such Persons as should be Presented to Livings during his Lo$^{p's}$ Residence at London and out of his Diocese, and to license Curates and school m^{rs}, and to Dr. John Jephcot and Dr. William Hopkins, Prebendaryes of the Church of Worcester, to examine and approve all such as shall be p^{r}sented to Livings and named to Cures. Mr. Chancellor promised my L^{d} that none should be Instituted or Licensed by him wthout first acquainting his Lo^{p} by letter therewth, and knowing his L$^{p's}$ pleasure.

1699—1700, Jan. 4. Richard Bentley[1], D.D., being made Master of Trinity College in Cambridge Resigned his Prebend, being the 4th in the Church of Worcester, into my Ld's hands, Mr. John Price, N.P., being prsent and attesting ye Act.

Jan. 29. My Ld granted the Certificate following to the Curate of Church Eaton in the Diocese of Cov. and Lichfield.

Omnibus Christi Fidelibus ad quos praesentes literae pervenerint seu quos infrascripta tangunt seu tangere poterint quomodolibet in futurum. WILIELMUS p'ne Di'a Wigorn. Episcopus salutem. Sciatis quod scrutatis archivis n'ris invenimus FRAN'CUM COLLINS ex aed. Christi Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaureum et Diaconum 21° die mensis Martii anno D'ni 1697° (stylo Angliae) licentiatum fuisse ad peragend' Diaconi officium in Eccles' paro'li de Church Eaton in com. Staffordiae a nobis tunc existentibus ep'o Coven. et Lichen. In Cujus rei testimonium Sigillum n'rum Episcopale p'ntibus apponi fecimus. Dat 29° die Januarii An'o D'ni 1699° (stylo Angliae).

Feb. 3.

Prebenda 4ta in Eccl'ia Cath'li Wigorn. Johannes Laughton Cl'icus in Artibus Magister admissus fuit in quartam Canonicatum sive Prebendam in Eccl'ia Cath'li Wigorn. Fundatum et per Resignac'io'em Ric'i Bentley, S.T.P. jam vacan. ex presentac'one D'ni Regis.

Mr. Price had the fees. Et scriptum est Ven'libus Decano et Capitulo Wigorn. pro Induct'one d'ci Joh'is Laughton.

Mar. 13. Mr. John Fleetwood, Archdeacon of Worcester, having by Patent constituted Mr. John Price, Batchelor of Laws and Chancellor of Worcester, to be his official, wch Patent bears date 1° Jan., 1699, my Ld Bishop confirmed it 13 Mar., 1699, juxta, etc.

18. I left Snelstone and rid to Worcester, and went thence on Thursday 21st by coach for London, and got to

[1] Bentley had been Chaplain to Bishop Stillingfleet, who made him Rector of Hartlebury. He held the Living for two years, and was succeeded by his pupil, James Stillingfleet, the Bishop's son.

London on Saturday the 23rd of March, and continued there wth my Ld till 25 Apr., when his Lop left London to return to his Diocese.

Whilst I was in London my Ld writ a letter to his clergy, and printed it, and sent one to every Clergyman in his Diocese, and printed 2,000 copies of the Accounts of the several kinds of Societies, got up of late years, for the promoting of God's worship, for the Reformation of manners, and for the Propagating of Christian Knowledge, and distributed them in his Visitations abt his Diocese.

For my very Dear and much Honoured Brethren, The Clergy of the Diocese of Worcester[1].

My Reverend Brethren,

You cannot so soon have forgot the Truly Pious and Prudent Advice and Exhortation, which, about a Twelvemonth since, was sent in a Circular Letter by our most Reverend Primate[2] throughout his whole Province; and which was some while after communicated by me to all the Clergy of this Diocese in my Primary Visitation. And yet the best way to keep a good Lesson in Memory being to put it speedily in Practice, this, I must needs say, as to our following this wholesom Advice, has been much wanting hitherto in those parts where You and I are concerned. I am very sensible that this Defect has been chiefly occasioned by my long, tho' necessary, Absence out of the Diocese: Wherefore being now upon my Return thither, and desiring very earnestly to make up that Defect, I send this Letter before me to bespeak your Assistance; being Resolved, by the Grace of God, with all the Power and Interest that I have among you, to set forward those Designs which I know to be so much for God's Glory, and the Edification of His Church.

The Methods proposed for these Purposes by our most Reverend Primate are all of them such as will require your most constant Endeavours and Prayers. But some of them do also require frequent Meetings among your selves, together with those of the Laiety, whose hearts God shall stir up to come in to your Assistance. And for the last thing in His Grace's Letter, that is, the

[1] Printed copy inserted in the Diary. [2] Archbishop Tenison.

Religious Education of Children (which indeed is a Principal Part of your Duty), this will require something more than all the rest, of any one that will thoroughly and conscientiously discharge it: For unless your care of this sort of Education be so short as to leave out them that most need it, the Poor Children that are left on Parish-Charge, or that have Parents so poor that they cannot pay for their Teaching, you will find that the Care of Providing for the Education of these lies chiefly charged upon you, by the Laws both Divine and Human. Not that it can be expected that you should bear the Charge of this Provision, whereas, which is a thing indeed to be lamented, too many of your selves are so slenderly provided for, that you have scarce enough for your own Families: But where God has given you wherewith to contribute to this Charge, there no doubt you ought to do it according to your Ability; and the less any of you can spare of your own, the more diligent you ought to be in getting your Neighbours of the Laiety to contribute towards it.

How great a Publick Blessing would it be, if there were in every Parish in this Church and Kingdom, a sufficient Number of good discreet Masters and Dames, maintained with Publick Salaries for the Teaching of Male and Female Children, a-part, to Read and to say their Catechism, and as many of them as were capable to learn an Exposition thereof; and where the Contribution would be sufficient, to teach them also to Write, and to do such little Works as would Enable them to live by their Labour! Happy are they that are God's Instruments for the procuring of such a Blessing in the Parishes where He has placed them! But where that cannot be attained, nor hoped for, yet I must needs tell you, my good Brethren, you ought to do what you can towards it in your several Parishes, where there are Poor Children that need such a Help and Provision. And the less need you have in your own Parishes, the more helpful you may and ought to be to the poor Market-Towns in your Neighbourhood, which (as it commonly happens) are so overburdened with Poor, they need some Support from their Neighbours to keep them from the utmost Disorder and Beggery.

It is my Intention, (with God's Assistance), this Summer, to Preach and Confirm in every Market-Town in my Diocese; and it is my earnest Desire to see the Face of every one of you in the

Town that lies nearest his Habitation, or to which he can come with the least Inconvenience to himself, and to the Children that he shall bring with him for Confirmation.

This I promise my self of all my good Brethren, and shall not take it well of any one that fails me in this, that for all the Children in your Parish that are above Ten Years Old, and have not received Confirmation, you either have already prepared them for that Duty, or will do your utmost to prepare them for it, by making them perfect in their Catechism, before the Time of my coming into your Neighbourhood: And that, when I am come to the Church in which you would have them Confirmed, you will deliver in their Names to my Chaplain, and be present with them your self till that Duty is over.

I shall also desire your Presence at my Lodging, all the Time between Morning and Evening Prayer, to the End that I may there be informed by you of all those things which you think fit I should know for the Service of the Church, as far as you have either heard by Common Fame, or can tell me from your own Observation. No doubt there are many things otherwise than they should be in your Neighbourhood, as well as in all other Places in this World. There are things amiss which ought to be Corrected: There are things wanting which ought to be supplied: There are many good things that are capable of being improved. Whatsoever you impart to me of any of these kinds, I shall serve the Church in it to the utmost of my Power; and I shall do it much the Better, for the good Advice and Assistance which I have reason to expect, and doubt not to receive, from all my good Brethren at these Meetings, Which, as you will see by the Table here Annex'd[1], I have so much set my

[1] Meeting of the Clergy:

Shipston,	April 30.	
Stratford,	May 2.	
Kington,	3.	
Warwick,	6.	
Henley,	7.	
Bitford,	8.	
Alcester,	9.	After Prayer.
Bromsgrove,	11.	But without Confirmation there, till Wednesday, May 15.
Droitwich,	Jun. 7.	
Evesham,	9, for ye town.	
	10, for ye Countrey.	
Pershore,	11.	
Upton upon Severn,	Jun. 13.	
Worcester for ye Countrey,	15.	
for ye City,	16.	
Kidarminster,	20.	
Sturbridge,	21.	
Dudley,	22.	
Hartlebury,	30.	

For our Meetings in all the other Towns in the Diocese, the Notices shall be given out in the first Week after Trinity Sunday.

Heart upon, that I prefer my Attendance on them before all my own private Affairs; and I hope I shall have gone through one half of them before I come to my own Habitation.

I have nothing more to add at this time, but to desire to be remembred in your Prayers, as being,

My Reverend Brethren,
Your truly Affectionate Brother and Diocesan,
W. Wigorn.

My L^d's Confirmations.

1700.

Apr., Th. 25. My L^d left London and lay at Maydenhead.

F. 26. My L^d came to Sunningwel.

Sat. 27. My L^d went and dined wth the Bishop of Lichfield[1] at Magdalen Colledge in Oxford.

M. 29. My L^d came from Sunningwel to Shipston upon Stour, *tr.* 20^m.

Tu. 30. The clergy met my L^d at Shipston, and his Lo^p preached and confirmed.

May, W. 1. My L^d came to Stratford 8^m, and confirmed some of the town.

Th. 2. The clergy met there, and my L^d preached and confirmed.

F. 3. 6^m to Kington, and there my L^d preached and confirmed, and lay that night at my Ld Willoughby's[2] at Compton Murdack.

Sat. 4. Dined at Ld Willoughby's, and then went to Warwick, 7^m.

Sun. 5. At Warwick my L^d preached and Administered the Sacrament at St Mary's. Dined at Sir Hen. Puckering's[3].
In ye afternoon Dr. Goodwin preached at St Nicholas, and my L^d confirmed those of the town.

M. 6. Clergy met there, and my L^d preached at St Nicholas, and confirmed those of the countrey (St Mary's Church not being rebuilt[4]).

[1] John Hough, President of Magdalen, who resisted James II. He succeeded Lloyd at Lichfield, and afterwards at Worcester. Died at Hartlebury 1717, aged 93.

[2] Richard 3rd Baron Willoughby de Broke, "a true lover of antiquities, and a worthy Maecenas," d. 1711, aged 90.

[3] M.P., of the Priory, Warwick, d. 1701, aged 83.

[4] Much damaged by the great fire. See p. 34.

My L^{d} received a complaint of some abuses in the Govern^{t} of the Earle of Leicester's Hospitall at Warwick.

Tu. 7. 6^{m} to Henley. My L^{d} preached and confirmed there.

W. 8. 6^{m} to Bitford. There Dr. Goodwin preached, and my L^{d} confirmed, and went y^{t} night 3^{m} to Alcester.

Ascension.

Th. 9. At Alcester my L^{d} preached and confirmed, beginning late that the Clergy might meet.

F. 10. 6^{m} to Bentley Hall, where my L^{d} dined wth Sr T. Cookes[1], and afterwards viewed the clergy of the Church of Tarbick, and then went 3^{m} to Bromsgrove.

Sat. 11. Clergy met at Bromsgrove, and my L^{d} preached, and they agreed to meet on Wednesday next for Confirmation. My L^{d} came that night to Hartlebury.

May 15, W. I went to Eccleshall, and thence to Snelston, and continued there till Wed., May 22, and then returned to Hartlebury ag^{t} ye ordination.

15, W. My L^{d} went to Bromsgrove, where Dr. Goodwin preached and his Lo^{p} confirmed, and returned that nightto Hartlebury.

Preb. Wigorn.

23°. GULIELMUS GALLOWAY, Cle'cus A.M., admissus est in tertiam Prebendam sive Canonicatum in Eccl'ia Cath. Wigorn. per mortem Jos. Morris vacan.

Ordination at Hartlebury, May 26, 1700.

Ordinac'o celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in com. Wigorn. die D'nico post jejunium quartuor tempor. vicesimo sexto (viz't) die mensis Maii an'o D'ni milli'mo Septingesimo per redum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Epi'um me p'nte ffanc'o Evans Norio Pub'co.

Diaconi. 1. GULIELMUS WORTH paro'iae de Penrhyn in com. Cornubiae 23 annos natus ex aula Edmundi in Academia Oxon' in Artibus Magister in Sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

2. THOMAS PHILPOT paro'iae Sc'i Petri in Wico 26 annos natus

[1] At the persuasion of Bishop Lloyd he left £10,000 to found Worcester College, Oxford.

ex aula Magdelenae apud Oxonienses in Artibus Magister ad Rectoriam de Odingley in com. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri. 1. FRAN'CUS HARRIS paro'iae de Clungunford in com. Salopiæ 24 annos natus ex Aula Sc'ae Mariae apud Oxon. Juris prudentius et Diaconus ad exercend. officium Curati in Eccl'ia paro'li de Dalbury in com. Derbien. intitulatus (licen. Re'di Patris Ep'i Coven. et Lichen. in hac parte prius obtenta) in sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um Lich. mensi Decembris*, 97°.

2. JOHANNES HYDE paro'iae de Glossop in com. Derbien. 39 annos natus et Diaconus ad exercend. officium Curati in Capella de Mellor in com. Derbiensi intitulatus (Licen. Re'di Patris Ep'i Cov. et Lich. in hac parte prius obtentâ) in sacrum Presbyteratûs Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um Lich. mensi Decembris*, 1697.

3. ISRAEL WORTON paro'iae de HalesOwen in com. Salopiae 38 annos natus et Diaconus ad exercend. officium Curati in Capella de Deritend juxta Birmingham in com. Warwicen. intitulatus (Licentia Re'di Patris d'ni Ep'i Coven. et Lichen. in hac parte prius obtenta) ad sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um Lich. D'nico Trin.* 83.

4 GULIELMUS BAGSHAW paro'iae de Chapel le Frith in com. Derbiae 26 annos natus Collegii Christi apud Cantabrigienses in Artibus Baccalaureus et Diaconus ad inserviend. curae animarum Capellae de Edal in com. Derbien. intitulatus (Licen. Ep'i Cov. et Lich. prius obtenta) ad sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um Lichen. nunc Wigorn. D'nico. Trin.* 98.

5. ANTONIUS HOLBROOKE civivatis Lichen' 24 annos natus Collegii Sydney-Sussex apud Cantab. Artium Baccalaureus et Diaconus ad inserviend. Curae Animarum paro'iae de Edgemond in com. Salopis intitulatus (Licen. Ep'i Cov. et Lich. prius obtenta) ad sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um Lich. mense Septem.* 1699°.

6. JOHANNES JONES paro'iae de Coughton in com. Wigorn. 30 annos nat. Collegii Reginalis apud Cantabrigienses A. B. et Diaconus ad inserviend. curae animarum Eccl'iae de Barcheston in com. Warwicien. intitulatus ad sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um Wigorn. Decembr.* 86°.

7. GUALTERUS ASTLEY paro'iae de Church Eaton in com. Staff. 26 annos natus ex Æde Christi apud Oxon' A. B. et Diaconus ad inserviend. curae animarum Eccl'iarum de Stow et Gaydon in com. Staff. intitulatus (Li'a Ep'i Lich. in hac parte prius obtenta) ad sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Ep'um Lich. nunc Wigorn. D'nico Trin.* 98.

Persons Refused.

1. FR. COLLINS, B.A., and Deacon-schoolm^r of Church Eaton in Staffordss. desired Priest's orders, but had no title.

2. SAMUEL MOGRIDGE, the son of Ant. Mogridge, clerk, desired to be ordeined Deacon, but was refused for insufficiency.

The Return of the Nonsolvents for tenths due at X'mas, 1699.

Double *6d.* stamp.

Honorabilibus et Egregiis Viris D'nis Baronibus de Scaccario Illustrissimi in XP'o Principis ac D'ni n'ri D'ni Gulielmi Tertii dei gra'a Angliae scotiae ffranciae et Hiberniae Regis, Fidei defensoris etc., Vester devotus WILLIELMUS per'ne Di'a Wigorn. Ep'us Revertiam debitam cum honore, vobis harum serie annuntio et certifico me praefatum Episcopum diligenter requisivisse per Deputatum meum hac in parte constitutum ad Colligendum Decimas Annuales infra Dioecesin meam D'no n'ro Regi debitas, sed infrascriptas sum'as, ex causis inferius allegatis recipere, ut asserit, non potuit. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum Ep'ale p^rsentibus apponi fecimus. Dat vicesimo primo die Maii Anno D'ni Mill'imo septingentesimo Regnique. d'ni n'ri Regis antedicti Duodecimo.

WIGORN. DIAEC.	Decimae md. £	s.	d.
Powic Decanat. Berrow Vic[a] Ecc[a] tota appropriata est Decano et Capitulo Wigorn. qui ann[m] numerant d'no n'ro Regi Redditum pro ead' olim reservat' per L'ras Patentes Regias . .	00	15	10
Carnar Capella Exoner' . . .	01	02	00
Clerkenhull Vic[a] non e' ib'm Vic[a] olim fuit portio mon[ris] de Pershore Dissol° 'ne eccl'ia de Leigh .	01	12	01¾
Mathon Vic[a] Haec Ecc[a] appropriata est Dec° et Capitulo Westm'. et exonerata ut asser[tr] .	00	16	00
Malverne Magna Vic[a] admodum tenuis in Facultatibus	00	16	04
Kington Decan.			
Butlers Marston Vic[a] vacat . . .	00	16	04
Shipston Vic[a] Capella (non Vic[a]) infra Paro'iam de Treddington admodum tenuis in Facultatibus .	00	10	09¼
S[ti] Nicolai de Treddington Cantaria dissoluta .	01	11	7½
Kington Vic[a] Exon[r] ut asser[r] pre l'ras Patentes Regias	00	16	8
Evesham Dec.			
Badsey Cap[a]. — Haru' Capellar' olim Mon[rio] de Evesham annex. Facultates vere tenues et exiles sunt, ut ne quidem pro iisdem solis ulli Presbyteri curis animar' deservire velint. Ex Reg'ro autem Decani et Cap[li] Wigorn. An'o 35° Reginae Eliz. Patet casd. (ut ibi asser[r]) tunc exonerari per cur scaccarii ad sectam Decani et Cap[li] aedis Christi Oxon' p'aru' majoru' Proprietar.	00	10	08
Bengeworth Cap[a].	00	15	01
Hampton Magna Cap[a].	00	15	02
Littleton Austr. Cap[a].	00	08	02¼
Littleton Med. Cap[a].	00	13	04½
Uffenham Capella	00	13	01¾
Wickhamford Cap[a].	00	04	05¼
Norton Cap[a] Haec appropriata est Dec. et Cap° Wigorn.	00	11	09¼
Broadway Vic[a] admodum tenuis in Facultatibus .	01	01	09
Witton Dec.			
S[ti] Nicolai Rect[a] exon[r] (ut asser[r]) per l'ras Paten' Regias	00	8	11½

	Decimae md. £	s.	d.
Wigorn Dec.			
Stae Helenae Rectª exonr ut patet et libris Regiis Primitiar' de sum'a	01	2	00¼
Waric Dec.			
Bidford Vicª valde tenuis in Facultatibus . .	00	15	00¾
Coughton Vicª admodum tenuis in Facultatibus .	00	19	00¾
ffulbrooke Capª demolita ante Regnum Ed'r'i 4ti modo autem nec Beneficium nec Capª . .	00	01	05
Guycliff Cantaria olim dissoluta . . .	01	16	03
Haselor Vicª vacat	00	13	04
Sti Johannis Warwic. Hospm Dissolut' . .	01	18	04
Sti Nicolai ib'm Hospm exonr per statutum .	01	06	08
Stae Mariae ib'm Vicaria olim exonerat' per Cur Scaccarii de sum'a	00	04	00
Salford Vicª valde tenuis in Facultatibus . .	00	18	00
Studley Vicª vacat	00	16	00
Pershore Dec.			
Bishampton Cant. dissoluta . . .	00	04	00
Bestford Capª concª fuit per literas Paten. Regias tanqm feodum Laicum et emolumta ejusd modo sunt in tenura Ed'r'i Sebright Bartt . .	00	06	00
Bricklehampton Capª olim annexa Monrio de Pershore dissoluto	00	05	05
Defford Capª olim annexa Monrio de Pershore dissoluto	00	05	04
Dornston Capª exonr (ut asserr) per literas Patentes Regias	00	09	00½
Elmly sub Castro Vicª vacat . . .	00	10	07¾
Pinvin Capª olim annexa Monrio de Pershore dissoluto.	00	05	00
Ripple Cantaria dissoluta . . .	00	11	01¾
Upton Snodsbury Vicª admodum tenuis in Facultatibus	00	16	00
Sum'a exonerat. et insolven. . .	29	03	00¼
Item auditori pro Feodo Suo . .	01	02	00
Sum'a . . .	30	05	00¼
Sum'a oneris s'cd'm stylum nimis oneran' .	231	17	05¼
Sum'a exonerationum . . .	30	05	00¼
Sic debetur Sum'a .	201	12	05

An account of wt Heir-loomes my Ld B'p found at Worcester and Hartlebury, An'o 1699[1].

At Worcester.

A furnace in the Wash-House.

Five large Elm Dressers in the Kitchen and Pastry.

A Square Table upon a Frame.

The Iron Bar before the Kitchin Fireplace, 140lb weight.

A long table in the Hall, with Formes.

Another long table in the Hall.

A silver Mace gilt for ye Apparitor Generall[2].

At Hartlebury Castle[3].

A long table in the Hall (cost 43*s*. from ye saw) and 5 Formes at 2li.

In the Kitchin 3 sorry Dressars.

A Brewing Furnace[4].

In the Stable a Bin for oates, and an old carved Bedsteed.

On ye Moat a Boat and Trunk for Fish.

An account of Livings in the disposall of the Ld Bishop of Worcester, with their values.

My Ld Bp has

In Worcesterss.	*Val. by Bp. Skinner.*		*By Mr. Price* (1700).	*P'sent Incumbent.*
Mannor. Blockley Vic.	£240	—	£160	Mr. Turner tro £140
Mannor. Riple Rect.	320	—	240	Mr. Fleetwood
Upton sur Sabrinam Rect.	200	—	170	Mr. Smith
Mannor. Hartlebury Rect.	240	—	250	Mr. Stillingfleet tro £300
Mannor. Alvechurch Rect.	220	—	180	Dr. Jephcot
Withington in Gloucestss. Rect.	350	—	300	1o tro £260

[1] "Household goods left at the Palace at Worcester and given by George (*Morley*), Ld Bp, 1662, to his successors. Described in a note sent by Mr. Dan. Hughes from *Mr. Isaac Walton* in ffeb. 1663." (Price's *Notitia*.)

[2] "Bought by order of Sr T. Baldwyn, Chancr, pd for by com'utns in Bp Skinner's time." (Do.)

[3] "30 July, 1689." (Do.)

[4] "Qu. Wt became of the old copper furnace?" (Do.) Chancellor Price also mentions some "gilt leather from Brussells in the gt Dineing Room."

	In Worcesterss.	*Val. by Bp. Skinner.*		*By Mr. Price* (1700).	*P'sent Incumbent.*
	Naunton in Gloucestss R.	£100	—	£100	Mr. Hen. Owen 1° tr° £120
	Kinwarton in Warwickss R.	130	—	120	Mr. Fleetwood
	Halford in Warwicss R.	80	—	100	Mr. Grainger
	Snitterfield in Warwicss V.	50	—	70	Mr. Winslow
Mannor.	Fladbury R.	550	—	450	Mr. Pountney
Mannor.	Grimley V. wth Hallow	40	—	60	Mr. Pipard
Rectory.	Bishampton V.	30	—	30	John Grove, M.A.
Rectory.	Elmley Castle V.	20	—	20	Priddeaux Sutton
	St Helen in Worcester R.	20	—	30	Mr. Pixal
	St Nicholas ib'm R.	20	—	40	Mr. Cook
	St Martins Vintree London R. (alternately wth ye Dean and Chapter of Cant.)	120	—	120	Dr. Hoddy Rect. Sce. Michaelis Royale et Sce. Martini Vintree annex' in Civitati Londini
	Newington near London R.	140	—	160	Mr. Taswell
18	Arch Deaconry			60	Mr. Fleetwood

1700, May 2. I went to Newbold near Tredington to give Widd. Hamis and her son livery[1] and seizin on their leases, but

[1] To give or take possession.

"If you do wrongfully *seize* Hereford's rights,
Call in the letters patent that he hath
By his attorneys-general to sue his *livery*."
(Richard II. Act 2, Scene 1.)

"Every indulged sin gives Satan *livery and seizin* of his heart." (Decay of Piety.)

finding the p^{ties} wrong named I returned to get y^{m} new drawn again.

June 5. The Vicarage of Blockley being vacant by ye death of M^{r}. Turnor, and in my Ld Bishop's guift, his Lo^{p} admitted his son, Wm LLOYD, A.M., to be one of his Chaplains, to qualify him to hold it with the Rectory of Sunningwell in Barkshire.

1700, June 6. Mannor of Claines, and Whistones, Bayliff's Patent. Afterwards entered in the Patent Book.

KNOW all men by these p^{r}sents that I WILLIAM, by divine Permission Lord Bishop of Worcester and Lord of the Mannor of Claines and Whistones, in the County of Worcester, have appointed and constituted, and by these P^{r}sents do constitute and appoint ROBERT MEADOWCOURT, of the Parish of Claines, to be my Bayliff and Collector of all Rents and Perquisites of the said Mannor now due and accreuing, or which hereafter shall acreu and become due unto me, hereby willing and requiring all my tenants of the said Mannor to pay the same unto him, the said Robert Meadowcourt, and to none other, and impowering him, the said Robert Meadowcourt, in cases of refusall or neglect of payment, to levy the said Rents by distresse, and sale of goods, and other legall courses, and for the care and paines of the said Robert Meadowcourt in the collections of the said Rents and perquisites of my said Mannor, and in execution of the said office of Bayliffe, I doe hereby promise to allow and pay unto him, the said Robert Meadowcourt, the yearly summe of *Three Pounds;* and this my Grant of the said Bayliffe's office to continue during my pleasure only, and untill I shall revoke the same by a writing under my hand. In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the sixth day of June, Anno D'ni, 1700.

1700, June 6, Stone V.

Henry Lascells, cl'icus, A.M., admissus fuit in Vicariam de Stone in com. Wigorn. per mortem ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'ntac'oe d'ni Regis.

Here follows an acc[t] of all Institutions and Licenses granted by Mr. Chancellor by vertue of my L[d's] com'ission whilst his Lo[p] was in London.

Institutc'ons.

R. Northfield	JOHN HINKLEY, clerk,	admitted 11 Dec[r], 1699.
R. Upton Warren	SAMUEL MOUNTFORD, cler.	admitted 22 Dec[r], 1699.
V. Bromsgrove	THOS. WILMOT, cler.	admitted 26 Jan.
R. Pedmore	GEO. NELSON, cler.	admitted 5 Mar.
V. Beoley	JAMES POWELL, cler.	admitted 14 Mar.
R. Binton	EDW[d] DEANE, cler.	admitted 20 Mar.

Licenses for Curates.

Alceston	ABRAM. JENNINGS, cler.	Licensed 1 Febr.
Stratford on Avon	THOMAS GREEN, cler.	Licensed 29 Febr.
Naunton	GREASLEY, cler.	Licensed 15 Mar.
Uppon Warren	KINGS, cler.	Licensed 11 Apr., 1700.

For Schools.

Warwick	WARNER	Licensed.
Aston	HALL	Licensed.
Wych	COWLEY	Licensed.

More Confirmations held by my L[d].

1700.

Jan. 7, Fri. My L[d] left Hartlebury, and preached and confirmed at Droitwich.

8, Sat. To Evesham.

9, Sunday. Preached, adm'red y[e] Sac[t], and confirmed there for the town.

10, M. Preached and confirmed there for the countrey.

11, Tu. To Pershore. Preached and confirmed there.

12, W. To Upton upon Severne.

13, Th. Preached and confirmed there.

Sedgebarrow.

14, F. ANT. JOHNSON, clerk, M.A., subscribed and took y[e] oathes in order to be licensed Curate of Sedgebarrow, took out his License 16 Apr., 1701.

My L^d^ came from Upton to Mr Lechmere's[1] at Hanley, and dined there, and that night to Worcester.

Jan. 15, Sat. Preached and confirmed at Worcester for the countrey.

16, Sunday. Administered the Sacram^t^ in the forenoon. Confirmed for the city in the afternoon.

17, M. My L^d^ sate in his Consistory[2] and heard causes y^t^ concerned ye clergy, and afterwards confirmed at Holt, and dined with Mr Bromley[3], and came to Hartlebury.

V. Blockley.

19. Gulielmus Lloyd, cl'icus, A.M., collatus fuit in eand. Vicariam per mortem Tho. Turnor, cl'ici vacan.

June 20, Th. My L^d^ preached and confirmed at Kedderminster, and went that night to Kingswinford[4], and lay at Mr Arch Deacon's[5].

21, F. Mr Chandler[6] preached and my L^d^ confirmed at Oldswinford, and lay at Kingswinford.

22, S. My L^d^ preached and confirmed at Dudley, and dined wth my Ld Dudley[7] at Dudley Castle, and came that night to Hartlebury.

My L^d^ had lists of the names of such as came to be confirmed from every Parish, but many more came than were named in the lists, and the Confirmations were very great everywhere. In some places 7 or 800 Persons, and at Bromsgrove, where there were fewest, the number was guessed to be ab^t^ 400.

1700, June 24, M. Ordinac'on.

Midsum'er Day my L^d^ admitted Mr Jo^n^ ERNEST GRABE[8],

[1] Edmund Lechmere, of Hanley Castle, father of the eccentric Lord Lechmere, one of the Walpole ministry.

[2] See Introduction.

[3] William Bromley, M.P., of Holt Castle, married a d. of Sir Rowland Berkeley, of Cotheridge, d. 1707, aged 50.

[4] In the Diocese of Lichfield.

[5] Ashenhurst, see p. 48.

[6] Edward Chandler, R. of Northfield, 1705, Preb. of Worcester, 1706, B^p^ of Lichfield, 1717, transl. to Durham, 1730, "of more learning than capacity," great on Prophecy, especially on Daniel: d. 1750. Left his wealth to B^p^ James Leslie, of Limerick, who had been his chaplain, and married his niece.

[7] Edward 2nd Baron Ward, who became on the death of his mother 1st Lord Dudley and Ward. Dudley Castle much injured by the siege in 1644, was still habitable. It was destroyed by fire in 1756.

[8] The celebrated orientalist, whose veneration of the English Church led him to settle in this country. There is a monument to him in Westminster Abbey.

THE MONUMENT TO DR. GRABE,
in Westminster Abbey.

From an old Print

a subject of the Elector of Brandenburg's, into Deacon's Orders in the Chapel at Hartlebury Castle.

Tenore p^r^sentium nos WILLIELMUS p^r^ne di'a Wigorniensis Ep'us, notum facimus universis quod nos Ep'us antedictus die Lunae Festo Divi Johannis Baptistae Anno D'ni Mill'imo Septingen'mo In Capella n'ra in Castro de Hartlebury in com. Wigorn. sacros ordines, Dei omnipotentis praesidio, celebrantes, Dilectum nobis in XP'o JOHANNEM ERNESTUM GRABE in Artibus Magistrum ad officium Sacellarii in Aedis Christi Collegio Oxon intitulatum, cum antea pietas ejus sincera et sanctitas vitae nobis intimae perspectae atq. etiam Doctrina praesertim in sacra Literatura per totum orbem Christianum celeberrima nullum locum reliquissent dubitationi quin haec ordinatio in Ecclesiae Christi maximum com'odum esset cessura. Ad sacrum Diaconatus ordnem juxta morem et ritum Ecclesiae Anglicanae in ea parte salubriter editum et provisum admisimus. Ipsumq. Johannem Ernestum Grabe Diaconum rite et Canonice ordinavimus. In cujus rei testimon. segillum n'rum Episcopale p^r^sentibus apponifecimus.

Datis die et An'o supradictis n'raeq. Translac'onis in Ep'atum Wigorn. An'o Primo.

P. Wigorn.

June 24. Miles Stepleton, Cl'icus, Artium Magister, admissus fuit in Canonicatum sive Prebendam in Ecclia. Cath. Wigorn. per mortem Gulielmi Hopkins, S.T.P. vacatem.

1700, Jun. 28. My L^d^ granted a Certificate to Adam Turnor, Clerke, Curate of Heage and Belport, in Derbyshire, as foll. :—

OMNIBUS Christi Fidelibus ad quos praesentes literae p^r^venerint seu quos infrascripta tangunt seu tangere poterint quomodol'et in futurum. WILLIELMUS p'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'us salutem. Sciatis quod scrutatis archivis n'ris invenimus Adam Turnor Diaconum vicesimo die Octobris, 1698°, licentiatum fuisse ad peragend. Diaconi Officium in Capellis de Heage et Belper in Com. Derbiensi a nobis tunc existentibus Ep'o Coven. et Lichen.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum n'rum (quo in hac parte utimur) presentibus apponi fecimus. Dat vicesimo Octavo die mensis Junii Anno D'ni 1700°.

1700, June 30, Sunday. My L^d preached in the afternoon and confirmed in Hartlebury Church for ye 5 neighboring Parishes; the Church was crowded, and I believe his Lo^p confirmed.

July 1. My L^d granted this Certificate to Mr Thomas Hayward, Rector of Barton on the Heath, to my L^d keeper (his Lo^p having written to ye Arch B^p to grant him a Despensac'on to hold Barton wth ye Rectory of Little Rolewright.

To the R^t Honble Dr Nath^n Wright[1], Ld Keeper of the Great Seale of England, &c.

These are to certify yor Lo^p that whereas Thomas Hayward, M.A., is possessed of the Rectory of Barton on heath in my Diocese, and is likewise presented to the Rectory of Little Rolewright, in the Diocese of Oxford, which has but 2 families in it, as I am informed, and both together are valued at about £120 per annum, and are about one mile distant from one another, the said Mr Hayward being, as I am wel informed, a very deserving man, I am willing that he should hold these two Rectories together, if yor Lo^p be pleased to confirme his Dispensac'on for the same.

Yo^r Lo^p's most obedient
Servant,
W. Worcester.

1 July, 1700.

1700, July 2.

Acta habita facta gesta et expedita In domo solitae habitac'o'is Re'di in XP'o Patris et D'ni D'ni WILIELMI per'ne di'a Wigorniensis Ep'i vulgo vocat' Hartlebury Castle in com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. die Martis secundo (viz't) die mensis Julii Anno D'ni Mill'imo Septinges'imo coram dicto Reverendo Patre necnon ven'li Johanne Price

[1] Junior Counsel for the Crown in the case of the Seven Bishops. Lord Chancellor, 1700. "Among the sages of the Land he has no place." He became rich but was not made a peer. He owned Caldicote in Warwickshire; d. 1721, was succeeded by Lord Cowper.

Legum Baccalaureo d'ci re'di Patris vicario in spiritualibus gen'li Judicialr. seden. me p^r^sente ffran'co Evans Notario Pub'co (in absentia Reg'rarii) in hac parte assumpto.

Moreton Bagot. Officium D'ni merum contra Johannem Goodwin [1], Cl'icum Rectorem ib'm.

Quibus die et loco com[pareba]t personaliter dictus Johannes Goodwin Cl'icus et voluntarie fassus estse matrimon. Clandestinum inter Joh'em Need paro'iae de Wotton Warwen et Catherinam Wheeler p'oiae de Aston juxta Bromwicham in Com. Warwicensi in Eccl'ia paro'li de Moreton Bagot p^r^dicta absq. Bannis m'rionialibus trina vice p^r^conizatis in Eccl'ia de Aston praedict' nuper celebrasse, necnon se matrimonium clandestin : in Eccl'ia de Morton praedict', inter Joh'em Fisher paro'iae de Evesham in com. Wigorn. et Hannam Hobday po'i'ae de Henley in Arden in com. Warwicen, absq. bannis m'rionialib. in Eccl'ia p'oli de Evesham praedict' trina vice p^r^conizatis, et absq. aliqua facultate in ea p'te prius obtenta nuper etiam celebrasse et submisset ect. Unde D'nus Ep'us h'mo'i confessionem acceptavit et dc'um Joh'em Goodwin propter praemissa in poena' suspensionis per triennium, juxta Canonem in ea p'te editum et provisum, incidisse pronunciavit dictumq. Joh'em Goodwin pro suspenso per spatium unius Anni prox. futur. haberi voluit, literasq. suspensionis sub sigillo emanare decrevit quando sibi visum fuerit.

1700, July 3. I went to Eccleshall and ye 6th to Snelston and thence ye 12th to Lichfield and 13th returned to Hartlebury.

9. Edward Vernon, Clerke, having a P^r^sentac'on to the Vicarage of Pillerton al's Pillerdington in the County of Warwick from the Earle of Rutland [2], did not think fit to take Institutc'on but desired a sequestrac'on and License to serve the Cure, wch were granted him.

14, Sunday. My L^d^ preached in the morning and Confirmed in Ombersley in the afternoon about 450 Persons.

[1] See p. 60.

[2] 10th Earl, created Duke 1703, d. 1711. His son, Lord Granby, married a d. of Wm Lord Russell, the patriot.

July 15 M. My L^{d} went to Worcester, being Quarter Sessions week.

17. On W. 17 sate in his Consistory and Suspended William Bartholomew, Clerke, Vicar of Salford in the County of Warwick, for contumacy in not appearing to answer Articles.

Himbleton. His Lo^{p} also judicially admonished Rowl^{d} Dennis [1], Clerke, Vicar of Himbleton, to reside on his Vicarage and be more diligent in the Dutys of his place by Catechising ye youth and administering ye Sacr^{t}, &c., and not to tipple and frequent Alehouses.

Hospitall in Worcester, 17° *No Fees taken.*

Dr John Jephcot was admitted Master of the Hospital at Worcester Void by the death of Dr Hopkins, to wch he was p^{r}sented by y^{e} Dean and Chapter.

My L^{d} dined with the B^{p} of Oxford [2] at y^{e} Deanery and came that night to Hartlebury.

1700, July 19.

A Copy of my L$^{d's}$ order to his Bayliff, Mr. Lench.

To Mr. Thomas Lench, Bayliff of the Mannors of Grimley and Hallow in the County of Worcester.

Whereas I have had no account of the Mannors and Lo^{ps} of Grimley and Hallow from the time of my first coming to be Bishop of this Diocese, nor have had any payment of any of the Rents and Profits thereof but from 2 Persons for the whole year ending at Lady day last till now since Midsu'mer, as you very well know, and particularly I have had no rent for any of those Copyholds and Leaseholds that are held by yo^{r}self and yor Tenants till being called upon ab^{t} Midsu'mer last, you gave me a Bill of money which you say you laid out on my account. and which if allowed is above £5 less y^{n} yor year's Rent due to me at Lady day last.

Therefore to quicken yor backwardnesse, I do hereby require

[1] He was again admonished in the Chapter House by Chancellor Price, 9 Dec. 1701. (Price's *Notitia.*)

[2] William Talbot, b. at Stourton Castle. Dean of Worcester in place of Hicks the Nonjuror, 1691; succeeded Hough as Bishop of Oxford (retaining his Deanery), 1699. Translated to Salisbury (when he gave up the Deanery of Worcester), 1715; thence to Durham, 1722, d. 1730; one of 4 Bishops in the H. of Lords who were for condemning Dr. Sacheverell.

you, according to yor Patent for the Bayliffs and Woodreeves place of the Lo^{ps} above mentioned, to give me a good, faithful, and reasonable Account and paym^{t} of all the Rents, Revenues, Amerciam^{ts} and Herriots, and all other issues and Profits whatsoever, of the said Mannors or Lordships for the whole year ending on the 27th day of March last past, and to bring it to me at Hartlebury Castle, on Wednesday next, betweene the hours of nine and eleven in the morning.

Given under my hand and seal at Hartlebury Castle this 19th day of July, 1700.

W. Worcester. loco' sigilo'

W. July 24. Mr Lench did come to Hartlebury and made his account and paid to my L^{d}

For wood money last fall	.	.	£14 13 10
Tow^{ds} Corn Rents	.	.	38 1 0
Totall	.	.	52 14 10

1700, July 26. Mr. Hen. Hodges of Droitwych, who is ye Arch-Deacon of Worcester's Register, hearing that my L^{d} is to be at Droitwych on Wednesday following to Consecrate a Churchyard, writ me a letter to invite my L^{d} to dine y^{n} with him, and imparting the contents to his Lo^{p} he ordrd me to send the answer following.

Hartlebury Castle, 26 July, 1700.

S^{r},

I received y^{rs} by the bearer, and in answer to it I ought in the 1st place to acquaint you that my L^{d} does not intend to dine in yor town on Wednesday next, but to go, if he can time enough, to dine wth Sr Tho. Cooks. But besides I ought to let you know that the contents of yor letter being imparted to his Lo^{p}, he remembered him very kindly to you, and bad me tell you he would willingly accept of yor invitation, and make use of yor house as he did when he was last at Wych, but that his Lo^{p} has lately received

a complaint from the Poor Sufferers by the fire at Warwick[1] that they have had no account from ye ArchDeacon of Worcester of the Collection made for their relief in this Diocese, and his Lo^p^ is also informed that the acc^t^ and money lyes in yor hands. My L^d^ is not willing to believe this complaint and hopes there is some great mistake in it, but however not to give offence to the people of that Town, which makes so considerable a figure in this Diocese, he thinks himself obliged to forbear the receeving of yor entertainment till you have cleered yo^r^self of this matter, which he earnestly desires you to do, that he may not on any account be a stranger to one wth whom he would choose to be in a particular Friendship more than most others in this countrey.

I am, S^r^,
Yo^r^ most humble Servt,
ffrancis Evans, N.P.

To Mr Hen. Hodges att
his house in Droitwich.

1700, July 26. Mr. Chancellor, of Worcester, being with my L^d^ at Hartlebury to inform his Lo^p^ with the state of the Bishoprick, his Lo^p^ was pleased voluntarily to desire the Chancellor to draw me a Patent for the offices, as wel of Generall Surveyor of him and his successors, of all Castles, Lordships, Mannors, Tenements, Lands, Woods, Funds, Fields, Meadows, Pastures, and other hereditam^ts^ wheresoever situat, lying, or being and belonging to the Bishoprick of Worcester, as of auditor of all and singular Lordships, mannors, lands, and tenements, possessions, and hereditam^ts^ w^t^soever belonging to the said Bishoprick.

July 27. My L^d^ acquainted me herewith and ord^rd^ me to go to Mr Chancellor for my Patent, which I did on Munday
29. following, being July 29, and at my return to Hartlebury his Lo^p^ was pleased to sign it, and seal it.

[1] "£110,000 is said to have been collected, and £1,000 given by Q. Anne. Most of the Collegiate Church of St. Mary was destroyed. The fire occurred 5 Sept. 1694." (Bewes Church Briefs.) A collection was made in Hartlebury Church, 28 April, 1695, "for the dreadful fire at Warwick, £5 1*s.* 7¼*d.*" (Hartlebury Church Registers.)

July 31, W. My L^d^ went to Droitwich and Consecrated a Churchyard[1] that was walled in, and adjoyning to St. Peter's Church, for the interring of their Dead, and thence his Lo^p^ went to Bentley Hall, and dined with Sr Thomas Cooks,

Aug. 1. lay there that night, and on Thursday ye 1st of August, his Lo^p^ returned to Hartlebury to dinner (having visited the Duke of Shrewsbury[2] at Grafton on his way that morning).

My L^d^ granted a Patent during pleasure to William Johnson to be Apparitor Generall and Keeper of the Palace at Worcester.

5, M. I went to Hereford assises and returned to Hartlebury

6. next day.

8. I went to Worc^r^ and viewed Adams' tenem^t^ in the Lo^rship^ of Kemsey.

12, M. I went to Salop assises to attend a tryall between Mr Edwards and the Dean of St Asaph, ab^t^ the sinecure of Llansanfrayd, and upon full evidence before my Ld C. Baron Ward[3], Mr Edwards had a 2nd verdict for Simony.

16. I returned to Hartlebury from Salop Friday the 16th August.

1700.

Aug. 28, W. My Lord went to the Assises at Worcester and returned to Hartlebury.

31, Sat. 30. I went from Hartlebury to Salop.

Sept. 1, Sunday. To Oswestry.

2, M. To Llangedwyn.

3, Tu. To Park.

4, W. To Erbistock.

[1] There are only two records in the Diary of the Consecration of Churchyards.

[2] Charles only Duke of Shrewsbury. His father was killed in a duel, by George Villiers, 2nd D. of Buckingham. He was at one and the same time, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Treasurer of Great Britain, and Lord Chamberlain, "a circumstance previously unparalelled in our history." "Before he was of age he was allowed to be one of the finest gentlemen, and finest scholars, of his time. He was early called *The King of Hearts*, and never through a long, eventful, and chequered life lost his right to that name." (Macaulay.) "The grace and gentleness of Shrewsbury's manners disarmed all opposition." (Wyon's Hist.) "Shrewsbury the wise and great." (Pope's Satires.)

[3] Sir Edward Ward presided over the trial of Capt. Kidd; d. 1714.

Sept.	5, Th.	To Gresford.
	7, Sat.	To fflint.
	8, Sunday.	To Trer Castell.
	9, M.	To Rhyd.
	10, Tu.	To Denbigh.
	1-12.	To St. Asaph.
	13, Fri.	To Dolegylesyn.
	14, Sat.	To Llanyskill.
	16, M.	To Llwydyarth.
	17, Tu.	To Bishop's Castle.
	18, W.	To Hartlebury.

Sept. 1, 1700. Ordinac'o celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury die D'nico primo (viz't.) die mensis Septembris anno D'ni 1700° per re'dum P'rem ac D'num D'num Willielmum pr'ne di'a Wigorn. ep'um.

Diacon. JOHANNES PRICE [1]. Legum Baccalaureus d'ci Re'di P'ris Vicarius in sp'ualibus gen'lis et Officialis Principalis in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

1700.

Sept. 10, Tu. My Ld Bishop went to Kinvar in the County of Stafford and Diocese of Lichfield, (having never bin there during the time he was Bishop of Lichfield) and his L^op preached there, and confirmed about eight hundred persons of that and the neighboring Parishes.

Mich. Ordinac'on 1700 22 September At a Publick Ordinac'on held in the Parish Church of Hartlebury in the County and Diocese of Worcester, on Sunday the 22th of September 1700, my Ld Bishop admitted the Persons foll^g into holy orders.

Deacons 1. JOHN WEBB, borne at Great Malvern in the County of Worcester, aged 35 years, B.A. of Baliol Coll., Oxford, entituled to the Chapell of Bransford, was ordained Deacon.

2. GEORGE VERNON, born at Stoke Milburne in the County of Worcester, aged 23, B.A. of Baliol Coll. in

[1] Chancellor Price, admitted to Priest's Orders a few days afterwards, Sept. 22.

d. 2*s.* 6*d.* Oxford, and entituled to serve the Cure of Hanbury in the County of Worcester, was ordained Deacon.

Licensed 9 Oct., 1700.

Priests. *No Fees.* 1. JOHN PRICE, Batchelor of Laws and Chancellor of the Diocese of Worcester, born in the city of Lichfield, aged 58 years, was ordeined Priest.

2. ROBERT THORNTON, born at Stanton in the County of Worcester, aged 25 y^rs^, M.A. of Christ Church in Oxford, entituled to serve ye Cure of Staunton aforesaid, was ordeined Priest.

Licensed 10 Dec., 1700.

An account of such as offered themselves to be ordeined and were refused.

1. Fowler, son to the Curate of Hodnet in Shropshire, desired to be admitted into Deacon's orders, but had no letters Dimissory from the B^p^ of Lichfield, and came late, without giving any notice according to the Injunctions.

2. Bankes, of the Parish of Dawley in the County of Salop, desired to be admitted into Deacon's orders, but was refused for want of letters Dimissory from ye B^p^ of Lichfield, &c.

1700.

Oct. 3. I was at the Keeping of the Co^rt^ for Whistons and Claines.

4. I was at the Co^rt^ at Alvechurch.

Oct. 4, 1700.

V. Wotton Waven al's Waveris Wotton — JACOBUS CLIFTON, Cl'icus, A.M. Collegii Regalis Cantab: Socius in Vicariam de Wotton p^r^d. per cessionem Ed'ri Stokes ulti' Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p^r^sentac'o Praepositi et Scholarium Collegii Regalis apud Cantabr. d'ce Vicariae pleno Jure Patron. admissus est.

October

5. My Lord went to Worcester to baptise ye B^p^ of Oxford's son [1], and returned at night.

7. My L^d^ went to Worcester.

[1] Sherington Talbot, 3rd son of the Bishop, afterwards Major-General Talbot. The eldest son became Lord Chancellor under the title of Lord Talbot.

Oct. 8. My L^{d} took his oath at the Quarter Sessions to be a Justice of Peace.

10. My L^{d} returned to Hartlebury from Worcester.
I was at the Co^{rt} at Hallow on my way home.

11. I was at the Co^{rt} at Hartlebury.

14. I was at the Co^{rt} at Kemsey.

25. I was at Kemsey at ye adj^{d} Co^{rt}.

28. I left Hartlebury, lay y^{t} night at Lichfield, and next day I went to Snelston.

Nov. 1, Fri. I left Snelston, lay that night at Eccleshall, and next day

2, Sat., I returned to Hartlebury.

6, Wed. My L^{d} left Hartlebury, and Confirmed ab^{t} 200 at Feckenham, and lay that night at Alcester.

7, Th. My L^{d} went to Warwick before noon, and visited the Earle of Leicester's Hospitall that day and Fryday

8, F. morning the B^{p} of Oxford, as Dean [1] of Worcester, assisting his Lo^{p} as Visitor, and on Fryday they adj^{d} the Visitac'on to Wednesday 21th of May next, between ye hours of 4 and 6 afternoon. That night my L^{d} lay at Banbury.

9, Sat. My L^{d} went to Sunningwell.

11, M. My L^{d} lay at Maidenhead.

12, Tu. My L^{d} came to Whitehall.

Claynes Inhabitants Petic'on to my L^{d} abt Cottages, 1700.

To the Right Reverend Father in God WILLIAM Lord Bishop of Worcester, Lord of the Mannors of Whistons and Claines, near adjacent to the City of Worcester.

The humble Petic'on of the Churchwardens and overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Claynes and the Gentlemen and other Tenants and Inhabitants within the said Parish, parcell of yor said Mannors of Whistons and Claynes.

Humbly sheweth

That in the time of the late civill wars and upon the burning of the Suburbs of the City of Worcester when that City was be-

[1] The Bishop of Worcester, the Dean, and the Archdeacon of Worcester were Visitors of the Hospital.

sieged, several poor people, by the authority of those times, and the charitable consent of the then Inhabitants of the said Parish, did erect several cottages upon the Wasts of yor said Mannors of Whistones and Claynes, wch have ever since bin made up, by the authority of the officers of the said Parish, for such Poor of the said Parish as have received Alms, or otherwise such as would have become chargeable if not supported by such habitac'ons, untill of late years several persons, surreptitiously obtaining leases from some of y^{or} Lo$^{p's}$ Pr'decessors, endeavour to alter the property of the said cottages to the great p^{r}judice of the said Parish of Claynes.

That particularly in the time of the late Bishop Thomas[1] such practices were then made use of, and the then tenants, petic'oning the said B^{p}, his Lo^{p} was pleased to answer that care should be taken to prevent such Practices for the future.

That by these means yor Petic'oners are forced to pay considerable Rents for habitac'ons for severall of the Poor of the said Parish.

That by the Statute 31° Eliz. cap. 7th, none shall erect a cottage wthout laying *four Acres* of Freehold land near unto it to be occupyed therewith, on pain of ten pounds, and forty shillings each month continuance.

That by the Statute 43 Eliz. ca. 2^{d}, the offic^{rs} of the Parish, by ye consent of ye L^{d} of ye Mannor, under his hand and seale, either by themselves, by virtue of a sessions order, may erect Cottages on ye Wast for the benefit of the Poor, but those cottages shall not afterwards be otherwise imployed.

That yor Petic'oners conceive the s^{d} Cottages were erected according to the Charitable intent of the laws, but wanting the consent of the L^{d}, in due forme (wch could not in those troublesome times be obteined) many suites and other inconvenienyes do arise, to the p^{r}judice of yor Petic'oners.

Therefore yor Petic'oners humbly pray yor Lo^{p} would be pleased to grant such Confirmation of the said Cottages, within the said Parish of Claines, as may be effectuall by, and with the consent of the Officers of the said Parish, to appropriate the said

[1] Dean, and then Bishop of Worcester—Non-juror; died before he could be deprived 1689, aged 76. Sir John Pakington wishing to have him near him, made him R. of Hampton Lovett while Dean of Worcester.

Cottages to, and for the only benefit of the Poor of the said Parish according to the Charitable intents of the Lawes.

And yor Petic'oners shall ever pray, &c.

	Richard Jones Thos. Twittey	Churchwardens
Samuel Swift Geo. Attwood	Hen. Niccolls W^{m}. Swift	Overseers of ye Poor
Thos. Hammond	W^{m}. Norton	
Geo. Porter	Robert Meadow Court	
John Frogmere	Jo. Thurman	
Ric^{d}. Brookhoulding	Thomas Tomkins	
	Ja. Hall	

My L$^{d's}$ answer to the s^{d} Petic'on.

Whitehall, 26 Nov., 1700.

Gentlemen,

I am very sensible of the burthen of the Poor that lyes upon you ; and believe w^{t} you tell me in yor Petic'on, that much of it is and has bin occasioned by the erecting of so many Cottages on the Wasts of that Lo^{p}, and placing Inhabitants in them by the Officers of the Parish without due regard to the Lawes of the land, and afterwards the L^{ds} granting those Cottages in lease to such poor people as have bin com'ended to them by those whom they look to mind the good of the Parish, as the conveniences of those Poor People.

But however this has come to passe, the burthen being now so heavy on the Parish as you tell me, I am very willing to do w^{t} I can, by any lawfull and prudent wayes, to make it easyer.

But withall I must desire you to do w^{t} you can for y^{r}selves, and therefore I offer these things following to y^{r} considerac'on.

I. First as to those that are antient Inhabitants among you, and have leases of their Cottages, there is no way of dealing with them that I know, but that you take care that they take in no inmates ; and that when any of them ask relief of the Parish, before you grant that, you may oblige them to make over their leases to the Overseers or Churchwardens for the use of the Parish. That you may be sure that I make no profit of those leases, I do here promise you I will never renew any of them that shall happen to fall in my time.

II. 2dly. I would advise you to take a particular Account of all the Cottages, and all the Inhabitants that dwell in them; and if any of them as Foreigners that have no legall settlement among you, such may be removed by order from the Justices; and if they are not so removed, it is the fault of the Officers of the Parish. And when any old People that are in Cottages dye, it concerns you to take care that no young people be permitted to come in to succeed them. This might be easily obteined if, when any such occasion should happen, any of you that knows it would give my Bayliff notice of it, to the end that he may lock up any such cottage that falls void; and then, if he gives me notice of it, as he ought, I will give my consent for the pulling of it down, or removing any other poor family that live in a worse or more inconvenient Cottage into that better, and so let the worse or more inconvenient be pulled down.

III. 3dly. It happens too often that yong people are taken home out of their services to look after their aged parents in cottages; and then they marry, and so keep up a succession of beggars, whereas if the Parishioners would employ and pay poor people that are not yet come to be impotent, to attend and take care of them that are impotent, it would be more advantageous for them.

Tho. possibly at the first this may seem to make the charge more burthensome to them, yet within a few years you would find it to be a great ease and benefit to yr Parish.

IV. 4thly. There is another thing in yor power by the stat. wch you mention 31 Eliz. c. 7.

If you please to take an acct of all the Cottages in yor Parish, you are by that Statute able to reduce them into a lesser number; but you are so far from it, that, as far as I can learn, there has not bin any one such Cottage prsented at any of my Leets, wch is a proper place to present them. If such Cottages, and such persons as receive Inmates into their Houses or Cottages were presented at such times, I would oblige my Steward to do his part to suppresse those cottages as the Law directs; and if need be, to punish the offenders.

V. 5thly. I hope I need not desire you to take care that no more Cottages be erected than what are already in your Parish: If there be any erected in my time, it will be entirely your own

fault, for I do assure you I will never consent to the building of any, otherwise than pursuant to the Statute of 43 Eliz. c. 2 wch you also mention in yor Petic'on.

VI. 6^thly^. I would also advise you to see what poor children there are in yor Parish that are brought up at Parish Charge, or whose Parents receive yor relief; and to cause those children, whether boys or girls, as many as you can get Masters or Mistresses for, to be bound apprentices as soon as they are of age for it; and so to be brought up to husbandry, and housewifery, as the Statute directs.

Those who are thus enured from their childhood to earn their Living in an honest Vocation, will be useful on many accounts to the People among whom they live; especially if care be taken in the placing out of Apprentices, that you do not breed up more of yor Parish in any one Trade than there is work for, unless you Apprentice them in other Parishes, for then you are no farther concerned in them by Law, because wheresoever any one is bound apprentice and has served his time, there by Law he has his settlement.

This will shew that I am ready and willing to do all that in me lyes to make you easier. If you follow my advice in the things that are here written, I hope there will be good effect of it. I am sure there will if you are not very much wanting yo^r^selves.

I beseech God to direct you to the best in all things for yor own good, both temporall and eternall, It is the hearty prayer of

Gentlemen,

Yo^r^ very loving Friend and servant
in our Lord Jesus,
W. Worcester.

To the Churchwardens,
Overseers of the Poor and
other Inhabitants of the
Parish of Claines in Worcestershire.

1700.

Dec. 17, Tu. I left London and went in the Lichfield Coach tow^ds^ Snelston.

20, Fri. I got to Lichfield.

23, M. I went from Lichfield to Snelston.

Jan, 22, W. I left Snelston to go to Eccleshall and Wybunbury.
31, Fri. I returned back to Snelston.

Feb. 5, W. I left Snelston and went to Eccleshall, Prees, Whitchurch, Erbistock, Gresford, Flint, Trercastell, St. Asaph, Corwen, Oswestry, Llanymynech, Salop, and so by Eccleshall back to Snelston.

Mar. 5, W. I returned to Snelston.

1701.

Apr. 7, M. I left Snelston and went to take coach at Lichfield.
10, Th. I came to London.

A certificate granted to ROBERT JONES, a Deacon, who lost his letters of orders.

Omnibus Christi Fidelibus ad quos praesentes literae pervenerint seu tangere poterint quomodolibet in futurum. WILLIELMUS per'ne di'a Wigorniensis Ep'us salutem in D'no sempiternam.

Sciatis quod nos diligenter scrutatis Registris et archivis n'ris invenimus quod die D'nico post jejunium quatuor temporum decimo nono (viz't.) die mensis Septembris anno d'ni mill'imo sexcen'mo nonagesimo septimo in Eccl'ia Praebendali de Eccleshall in com. Staffordiae, Nobis tunc existen. Ep'o Coven. et Lichen., Dilectum nobis in XP'o ROBERTUM JONES literatum Dioeces. Asaphen. ad peragend Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Chirk in com. Denbigh intitulatum (l'ia re'dissimi Patris Cantuar. ArchiEpi' ad ordinand subditos Dioeces. Asaphen durante Vis'ne metropolitica tunc penden. prius obtenta) in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admisimus ipsump. Diaconum tunc et ib'm rite et l'time ordinavimus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum n'rum Ep'ale p'n'tibus apponi fecimus. Dat secundo die mensis Maii an'o d'ni mill'imo septingentesimo primo nraeq. Translac'onis in Epat'm Wigorniensis anno secundo.

I took no fees.

1701.

May 3, Sat. I left London and went to Sunningwel in Abingdon coach.
5, M. I went to Blockley.
6, Tu. Wee kept Co^rt^ there.
7, W. I went with Mr Fysh and kept Co^rt^ at Withington.
8, Th. I came to Hartlebury.
10, Sat. I went to Worcester and returned
12, M. I went to Worcester and returned.

May 14, W. I went to Salop.
17, Sat. I returned from Salop to Hartlebury.
19, M. I went to Worcester and returned.
21, W. I went to Crowle and returned.
22, Th. I went to Lichfield.
23, Fri. I went to Snelston.
24, Sat. I was at Ashburn.
26, M. I went to Eccleshall.
27, Tu. I went to Wybynbury.
28, W. I went to Wrexham and was at my Friend Mr Jon Lloyd's funeral. I went that night to Gresford.
30, Fri. I went to Wybynbury.
31, Sat. I went to Snelston.
June 5, Th. I met Mr Sherrat at Alston.
7, Sat. I was at Ashburn.
9, M. Being Whitsun-Monday I set out from Snelston on horseback with Bro. Docksey, and wee got to London on Thursday follg.
12, Th. Wee got to London.

Whilst I was in the Countrey my Ld admitted Mr Ovington to the Vicarage of Stratford, and Mr. Pierce drew his Instrumts.

30 die Maii, 1701.

Stratford super Avon Vicaria. JOHANNES OVINGTON, Cl'icus, Artium Magister in Vicariam de Stratford supr Avon in com. Warwicen. per mortem Ric'i Crofts Cl'ici ult'i Incumben' ib'm vacan' ex p'ntac'o'e praenobilis Caroli[1] Comitis Dorsett et Midd's dc'ae vicariae pleno Jure Patroni admissus est die et anno prdict'

11 Jun. 1701.

Newbold Pacy. JOHANNES GIBSON, cl', M.A., Licentiatus fuit apud Wigorn. per D'num Cancellarium ad inserviend curae animarum Eccl'iae paro'li de Newbold Pacy in com. Warwicen.

1701, Jun. 25, W. My Ld left London and lay at Maidenhead.
26, Th. Went to Sunningwel.
28, Sat. Went to Blockley.

[1] 7th Earl of Dorset, created Earl of Middlesex, poet and statesman.

"The grace of Courts, the Muses' pride.
Patron of arts and judge of nature."
(Pope's Epitaphs.)

Jun. 29, Sunday. My L^{d} preached and administ'red ye sacr^{t} there. In ye afternoon his Lo^{p} confirmed ab^{t} 400 persons.

30, M. My L^{d} went to Shipston, preacht and confirmed ab^{t} 300.

Went that night to Stratford.

July 1, Tu. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Stratford ab^{t} 200.

2, W. My L^{d} went to Evesham.

3, Th. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed there not above 20 persons.

4, Fri. My L^{d} went to Pershore, preacht and confirmed between 2 and 300.

5, Sat. My L^{d} dined with Sr Fran. Russell[1] at Strensham, and went to Bredon.

6, Sunday. My L^{d} preacht and adm'n^{red} the sacram^{t} there. In y^{e} afternoon his Lo^{p} confirmed there between 3 and 400.

7, M. My L^{d} went to Upton, preacht and confirmed there ab^{t} 3_0 p^{r}sons.

8, Tu. My L^{d} came to Worcester, and y^{t} night to Hartlebury.

1701. July. I having urgent occasions to detain me in London did continue there till 5 July.

5, Sat. I came to Oxford.

7, M. I came to Broadway.

8, Tu. I met my L^{d} at Worcester.

8 July, 1701.

Rushock R. TIMOTHEUS GOODWIN[2], cl'icus, Artium Magister in Rectoriam de Rushock in com. Wigorn. per mortem ffran'ci Pierce Cl'ici ulti' Incumbentis ib'm ex p'sentac'o'e d'ni Regis dc'ac R'toriae pleno Jure Patroni admissus est die et Anno predict.'

[1] The Russells flourished at Strensham for 400 years. Nash gives a long pedigree of the family from the time of Henry II. Sir Francis was the last of the Lords of the Manor. He left three daughters, one of whom married Dr. R. Nash. He is represented in a monument in the Church, reclining, in a wig, while a lady kneeling at his head points to a crown held over head by two boys (naked) in the clouds.

[2] Of the University of Utrecht. Lambeth D.D. Chaplain to Bishop of Oxford, Archdeacon of Oxford, 1707, Bishop of Kilmore, 1714, and of Cashel, 1727; d. 1729.

July 20, Th. I was at Dudley Castle.

14, M. My L^{d} went to Worcester to ye Quarter Sessions and returned to Hartlebury on Fryday foll. I was that day at Hollow compounding for 2 Herriots.

16. vide infra.

17, Th. I went from Hartlebury to Snelston.

23, W. I went to Derby to speak with Sr Simon Deg ab^{t} Kempstow Meadow.

29, Tu. I came from Snelston to Hartlebury.

A certificate wch my L^{d} sent to St Asaph to adjust a difference between the Vicars there and the Bishop's tenant ab^{t} tithe hay.

While I was Bishop of St Asaph I was then informed and well assured y^{t} the Vicars Choral could have no tithe of Dôl-Escob, there being an ancient Composic'on between the Bishop and them that they should have the Hay-tithe of ye townships to themselves and the Bishop should have no share of it, but in lieu thereof the Bishop should have Dole Escob tithe free, though it were let to a Tenant. But for any other part of the Bishop's demesne, I understood it was to be tithe free at all times when ye Bishop held it in his own hands, but if he let all or any part of it, for so much as was let the tenants were to pay the tithe to the Vicars Chorall. That this was and is my opinion concerning that matter I do hereby declare under my hand this 16th day of July, Anno D'm'i 1701.

W. Worcester.

During my L$^{d's}$ absence out of his Diocese Mr Chancellor dispatched y^{e} busines foll^{g}.

Droytwych, 27 Feb., 170$\frac{0}{1}$. NICHOLAS SAUNDERS to practise Surgery.

Stratford upon Avon, 9 May, 1701. License to JOHN CAMBELL of Stratford upon Avon to practise Phisick and Surgery.

12 May, 1701. JOHN WALKER of Bitford to practise Chirurgery.

27 June, 1701.

Barcheston R. THOMAS HOPE, Clerke, was admitted into the Rectory of Barcheston in the County of Warwick, void by the death of Richard Crofts, on the p^{r}sentac'on of John

Crofts of Great Tew in the County of Oxford, Gent., Patron of ye said Rectory for this turn alone.

8 Aug., 1701.

R. Belbroughton. HUM. WHITE, Clerke, M.A., was admitted into the Rectory of Belbroughton in the County of Worcester, void by the death of Henry Tristram, Clerke, on ye P^rsentac'on of John Hill[1] of ye Parish of St Martin's in the Fields, in the County of Midd'x, Gent., the rightful patron.

9 Aug., 1701.

V. Kedderminster. JOHN HOWARD, Clarke, M.A., was admitted into the Vicarage of Kedderminster, void by ye death of Richd White, Clerk, to wch he was p^rsented by Thomas Foley, Esqr, Patron in full right.

Sat., 9 Aug. My L^d and his family removed from Hartlebury to Worc^r to the Assises.

Aug. 11. My L^d took up a cause that was to be tryed at ye Assizes between Mr Kings, Curate of Upton Warren, and Mr Allen, Rector of Abbots Moreton, in trespasse, and both p^rties being engaged to stand to his L^dship's award, and they and their Witnesses being heard by his L^dship, assisted by his Chancellor, his Lo^p took a month's time to put his award in writing.

11 Aug., 1701.

V. Tysoe. JOSEPHUS GOODWIN, Cl'icus, A.M., admissus fuit in eand. Vicariam per cessionem Thomae Hope, Cl'ici, ult'i Incumbentis ib'm eam vacan. ex p'n'tac'one p^rhonorabilis Georgii[2] Comitis North'toniae Baronis Compton de Comton d'c'ae Vicariae pleno Jure Patron.

12 Aug., 1701.

R. Earles Croome. GULIELMUS MARTEN, Cl'icus, A.M., in Rectoriam de Earles Croome in Com. Wigorn. per resignac'o'em

[1] Henry Tristram mortgaged the Rectory to John Hill for £300, 5 Feb. 1697. Mrs. Bridget Tristram sold the advowson to S. John's College, Oxford, for £1,300, 12 Oct., 1732. Dr. Gibbons, of S. John's, giving £1,000 and his widow £300 to buy it. "The person to be presented from time to time shall be one of the fellows of the College, who has been, or is at such time, Dean of Divinity in the said College." (Dr. Gibbons' Will.)

[2] 4th Earl, Constable of the Tower.

Joh'is Moor, Cl'ici, ulti' Incumbentis ibi'm vacan. ex pr'ntac'one Thomae Wheate de Glympton in Com. Oxon' Baronetti et Dormeri Sheppard de Mile End in Com. Midd. Ar. d'c'ae R'c'oriae pleno Jure Patron. admissus est die et Anno praed'.

W. Aug. 15. My L^d^ and his family returned from Worcester to Hartlebury.

Ordinac'on, 17 Aug., 1701. Ordinac'o celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in com. et Diaec. Wigorn. die D'nico decimo septimo die mensis Augusti, 1701°, per re'dum in XP'o P'rem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um me p'n'te ffranc'o Evans no'rio Pub'co.

Diaconus. JOHANNES PENN, villae vel oppidi de Bewdley in com. Wigorn. 23 ann. natus, Collegii Oriel. Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaureus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Ribbesford in com. Wigorn. et Dioeces. Hereford. intitulatus (literis dimissoriis ab Ep'o Hereford. in hac p'te prius receptis) in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

ffra: Evans,
No^rius^ Pub^ius^.

1701, Aug. 18. My Ld Bishop and Mr Stillingfleet[1] having entered into Bonds of £200 penalty to stand to the award of Mr Archdeacon Ashenhurst, Rector of Kingswinford, if they would agree and make their award before ye 29th instant, and in case they could not, Mr Chancellor Price was to be umpire, and to make his award before the 31st instant.

All the s^d^ Parties met at Hartlebury Munday ye 18th, and agreed that the Park Pale to be very ruinous, and that Mr Stillingfleet ought to repair them, but that tow^ds^ it my L^d^ B^p^ (tho' not obliged to it by Law) should let him have timber fit for the purpose, if such were to be found in Monkswood, or on the Demesne at Grimley and Hartlebury, and that if a sufficient quantity cannot be

[1] James Stillingfleet, son of the Bishop, R. of Hartlebury, and also Dean of Worcester, acting for his late father in the matter of dilapidations.

found there, Mr Stillingfleet is to buy wt is necessary and convenient to put the Pale in sufficient repair, and to be at the charge of all carriage, and in regard my Ld Bp has bin above 2 yrs Bishop of this Diocese, it was agreed that he should bear such a proportionable charge towds ye workmanship as Mr Chancellor Price shall think fit to order.

They agreed that Mr Stillingfleet should pay £13 11*s.* 3*d.* towds finishing some roomes in ye north side of ye Pallace at Hartlebury that were not finished, and towards some small repairs to be made in ye stable.

They did the same day view the House at Grimley, and agreed that the Gatehouse ought to be taken down, and

Aug. 19. went that night to Worcester, and on Tuesday the 19th viewed the Pallace there, but not being able to agree abt the repairs at Grimley and Worcester, they left wt they had done with Mr Chancellor, and desired him to make his award within the time limitted wch he promised to do.

1701.

Aug. 22, Fri. I was at Sturbridge and Kingswinford abt Ombersley Penc'on and Mr Slaney's debt due to my Ld.

25, M. I met Mr Chancellor at Monkwood, and wee markt 22 trees in Monkwood and 10 on the Demesne at Grimley for the repair of Hartlebury Park Pale, and my Ld did afterwards sign the Warrt underwritten to the Bayliff to fall the trees.

A copy of my letter to Mr Hill, one of ye Assessors for Claines.

Hartlebury, 27 Aug., 1701.

Mr Hill,

Looking over the Books belonging to this Bishoprick I cannot find by wt title you hold the Copyhold Estate you have now in your possession in Claines. I find your Father was admitted tenant to it, and is long since dead, I find yor Mother, who had her widdow's estate, has bin also long dead, and that the Reversion by the Copy was granted to yor 2 elder Brothers and yrself successively, and that you are last in the Copy.

It does not appear to me that my Ld has any tenant legally

possessed of that Estate, and if speedy care be not taken to p^{r}vent it, I must enter upon it, and eject you, and do the Bishoprick right.

I am told you have a Warr^{t} to make a new assess^{t} pursuant to the late Act, and I hope you will obey it, and thereby do right not only to my L^{d} but his tenants. If you do not, you can only create trouble to yo^{r}self and yor neighbors, wch I hope you'l p^{r}vent, for my L^{d} will not pay the tax laid upon him, and he cannot be compelled to.

I am,
Yo^{r} friend and serv^{t},
ffra : Evans,
N.P.

For Mr Langley Hill
att Claines.

My L$^{d's}$ Warr^{t} to the Bayliff to fall trees at Monkwood.

These are to authorize you to fall in Monkwood two and twenty trees wch Mr. Chancellor Price and my surveyor directed you to mark by my order, to make Posts, Pales and Railes towards repairing y^{e} Park Pale att Hartlebury.

Given under my hand and seale at Hartlebury this 20th day of August, 1701.

W. Worcester.

To Thos. Lench, gent.
Bayliff of the Mannors
of Grimley and Claines.

1701, Aug. 20, Th. Mr. Thomas Lench, Bayliff for the Mannors of Grimley and Hallow came to acc^{t} for half a y^{rs} Corn rents du at Mich'as, 1700, amounting to £93 1 9

He had p^{d} Thos. Grigson .	£50	0	0	
Mr. Chetle .	30	0	0	
He brought a Bill of dues and disbursm^{ts} .	4	19	6	£93 1 9
He p^{d} me wch I p^{d} my Lady	8	2	3	

He p^{d} me a money Herriot due on Mary Church's death which I p^{d} my Lady . £1 0 0

He p^{d} me for ye last Wood fall wch I p^{d} my Lady £11 15 11¼

1701, Aug. 30, Sat. I went to Worcester to meet Mr. Stillingfleet at the Chancellor's about valuing ye goods and getting Acc^ts.

My letter to Mr. Fyshe
Stew^d of my L^d's Co^rts.

Hartlebury, 1 Sept., 1701.

S^r,

My L^d desires you'l make extracts of the Amerciam^ts during the time his Lo^p has bin B^p that they may be sent the Bayliffs, to collect them, with ye notices for ye Co^rts wch his Lo^p desires may be held as foll^g.

At Hartlebury, Munday 20 Oct. At Claines, Tuesday 21st. At Kemsey, Wednesday 22nd. At Hollow, Thursday the 23rd, and at Alvechurch, Fryday ye 24th. His Lo^p desires you'l finish the Co^rt Book, and let him have it at ye Quarter Sessions at Worcester, and that you'l bring him then w^t Bonds you have by you that belong to his Lo^p, or his Success^rs, and all the Juryes p^rsentments in ye severall mannors since his Lo^p came to this see. His Lo^p gives his service to you and Mrs. Fyshe.

I am, S^r,

Yo^r humble Servt,

ffran : Evans,

For Hum. Fyshe, Esqre. N. P.
att Hallow.

1701. Sept 1, M. I went to Worcester and had Mr. Chancellor's award between my L^d and Mr. Stillingfleet.

2, Tu. I went to meet Mr. Toy at Bewdley ab^t Wilmot's Copyhold wch was leased for 200 y^rs.

In my journey into Wales.

Sept. 4, Th. I went from Hartlebury to Shrewsbury.

5, Fri. I went to Pooly and back to Shrewsbury.

6, Sat. I went to Oswestry.

7, Sunday. I went to Llanymyneck and Trowscard.

8, M. I went to Pool and thence to Mybod, to Coz. Maurice's funeral, and thence to Castle.

9, Tu. I went to Llenhinva and back to Castle.

10, W. I dined at Mybod and called at Lleel and Ystym Colwyn and lay at Llanymynech.

Sept. 11, Th. I went to Blodnel and dined at Llanymynech and lay at Oswestry.

12, Fri. I called at Plâs Warren and lay at Erbistock.

13, Sat. I dined at Llilhendre and called at Plâs Warren and returned to Erbistock.

14, Sunday. I dined at Oswestry.

15, M. I went to Blodnel and dined there and lay at Llanymynech.

16, Tu. I dined at Shrewsbury and walkt to Pooly and back.

17, W. I went from Shrewsbury to Enfield and lay there.

18, Th. I got to Hartlebury before 10 ag^t ye Ordinac'on.

4 Sept. 1701.

Moseley Chapel in Bromsgrove. JOHN BLUNDEL, B.A., was licensed to supply the Chapel of Moseley. He subscribed and took the oathes before Mr. Chanc^r.

12 Sept. 1701.

Bidford. HENRY CHANCE of Marr-Cleeve in the Parish of Bidford was licensed to practice Chirurgery by letting of blood and drawing of teeth, having subscribed to ye 1st and 3^d Articles menc'oned in the 36th Canon, and that part of the Declarac'on mentioned in the Act of Uniformity, of his Conformity to the Church of England as by Law Established, and taken the oathes before Mr. Chanc^r.

Mich'as Ordinac'on, 21 Sept. 1701. In the Parish Church of Hartlebury. Pr'sent Mr. Stillingfleet, Mr. Meddins, Mr. Lassells and Mr. Best, Presbyters.

Deacons. 1. JOHN SALWEY, born at Ludlow in Shropshire, aged 24, B.A. of Pembroke Colledge in Oxford, entitutled to be Curate of Riccard's Castle in Shropshire and Diocese of Hereford, was ordeined Deacon (my L^d having ye Arch Bp's leave to ordein for ye Diocese of Hereford ye Bp[1] being dead).

2. SAMUEL HALL, born at Eardsley in ye County of Hereford, aged 24, B.A. of Brazen Nose Coll. in Oxford, entituled to be Curate of Eardsley afores^d was ordeined Deacon.

[1] Gilbert Ironside.

3. SAMUEL CASSON, born at Ombersley in the County of Worcester, aged 23, B.A. of Oriel Coll. in Oxford, entituled to be Curate of Ombersley in the County of Worcester, was ordeined Deacon.

4. RICH^d HARRIS, born at Bredwardine in Herefordss., aged 23, Undergraduate of Baliol Coll. in Oxford, entituled to be Curate of Mockas in Herefordss. was ordeined Deacon.

Priests. 1. Wm WORTH, born at Penryn in Cornwal, aged 24, M.A. of Edmund Hall in Oxford, ordeined Deacon by my L^d, Trin. 1700, and being now one of his Lo^p's Chaplains was ordeined Priest.

2. JO^n PEARKS [1] born at Stoke Prior in the County of Worcester, aged 25, M.A. of Pembroke Coll. in Oxford, ordeined Deacon by B^p Hough, Mich. 1699, entitutled to be Curate of Hartlebury, was ordeined Priest.

3. GEO. VERNON, born at Stoke Milborough in the County of Salop, aged 24, B.A. of Baliol Coll. in Oxford, ordeined Deacon by my Ld Mich. 1700, and Curate of Hanbury, was ordeined Priest.

4. THOMAS MANSEL, born at Shipston upon Stower in Worcesterss., aged 24, M.A. of Trin. Coll. in Oxford, ordeined Deacon by B^p Fowler [2], 4 Oct., 99, Curate of Kinwarton in Warwickss. was ordeined Priest.

5. RICH^d EDWARDS, born at Ditton Priors in the County of Salop, aged 24, B.A. of University Coll. in Oxford Deacon by B^p Hough, Trin. 1699, Curate of Old Swinford, was ordeined Priest.

Refused. Thomas Green, Deacon by B^p Gardner [3] Mich., 98, B.A. of Christ's Coll. in Camb., aged 26, Curate of Stratford-upon-Avon, desired to be ordeined Priest, but upon his Examinac'on my L^d found him insufficient and refused to admit him.

1701, Sept.

23, Tu. My L^d preacht and confirmed at Bromsgrove.

24, W. My L^d went to Kingswinford.

[1] Master of the Grammar School, Hartlebury. See p. 63.

[2] Edward Fowler, Bishop of Gloucester, 1691—1715.

[3] Bishop of Lincoln, 1694—1704.

Sept. 25, Th. My L^{d} preacht and Confirmed at Dudley, and dined at Dudley Castle and returned to Kingswinford.

26, Fri. My L^{d} preacht and Confirmed at Oldswinford and lay there.

27, Sat. My L^{d} returned to Hartlebury. I was y^{t} afternoon at Bewdley.

29, M. Michaelmas Day. I met y^{e} tenants at Hallow to endeavor to agree for half a y$^{r's}$ corn-rent now due, but did not.

30, Tu. My L^{d} preacht and Confirmed at Kidderminster.

Oct. 2, Th. My L^{d} preacht and Confirmed at Droitwich.

3, Fri. I was at Worcester to confer with Mr Chancellor ab^{t} Tredington survey.

4, Th. My L^{d} went to Worcester.

5, Sunday. My Ld Confirmed in the Cathedral after Even-Prayer, the B^{p} of Oxford having preacht a sermon upon the Doctrine of Laying on of Hands.—Heb. 6.

6, M. My Ld Confirmed in the Cathedral for the neighboring Parishes y^{t} could not come on Sunday.

7, Tu. I came from Worcester to Hartlebury.

8, W. I went to Eccleshall.

9, Th. To Draicot. 9, Th. My L^{d} returned from Worcester to Hartlebury.

10, Fri. To Snelston.

11, Sat. To Ashbourne.

12, Sunday. To Lichfield.

13, M. To Henley.

14, Tu. To Tredington, where ye room above stairs fell under us; tho' there were many p^{r}sons in it and many below wee suffered no harm.

13, M. My L^{d} went to the Mayor's feast to Worcester, and 14, Tu., my L^{d} returned to Hartlebury.

15, W. To Stratford.

16, Th. To Warwick Audit and Henley.

17, Fri. To Hartlebury.

1701, Oct. 18.

Barford R. RICHARD MIETT, Clerk, B.A., was admitted into the Rectory of Barford in the County of Warwick, void by the death of John Kent, to wch he was p^{r}sented by Isabel

Unet of Hampstall Ridware in the County of Stafford, Patron for this turn, and by ye Grant of Charles Ward, of Barford, Esqre, to whom shee p^d £200 for this turn in ye year 1697, as her son told me.

Oct. 20, M. At the Co^rt at Hartlebury.
21, Tu. at Claines.
22, W. at Kemsey.
23, Th. at Hollow.
24, Fri. at Alvechurch.
25, Sat. I returned from Alvechurch to Hartlebury.
Mr L^d made Philemon Baylis and Jo^n Tyrer Game keepers at Alvechurch.

24 Oct., 1701.

R. Treddington. ROBERT MORSE, Clerk, M.A., was admitted into the Rectory of Treddington in the County of Worcester, void by the death of John Kerie, Clerk, to wch he was p^rsented by Sr Henry Parker[1], Baronett, Patron of ye s^d Rectory for this turne.

Nov. 1, Sat. I was at Bewdley.
3, M. My L^d left Hartlebury and Confirmed at Alcester.
4, Tu. My L^d preacht and Confirmed at Henley, and lay at Warwick.

4 Nov., 1701.

Moreton Bagot. THOS. HALL, B.A., Curate of Henley, at the request and on the petic'on of ye Inhabitants of Henley, was licensed to serve ye Cure of Moreton Bagot during the suspension of Jo^n Goodwin ye Rector there. *He took out his License 9 Dec.*, 1701.

1701.

Nov. 5, W. My L^d preacht and Confirmed at Warwick.

6 Nov., 1701.

Warwick School. RICH^d LYDIATE, Clerk, Batchelor of Lawes, fellow of New Colledge in Oxford, subscribed and took ye oathes before my L^d in order to be licensed Chief School Master in Warwick and Assistant to the Vicar of St Marie's in Warwick.

[1] Married Margaret Hyde, d. and heiress of the Bishop of Salisbury. His son Hyde was R. of Tredington. His d. Frances married Sir John Pakington.

Nov. 6, Th. My L^d^ dined and lay at my Ld Willoughby's at Compton.

7, Fri. My L^d^ preacht and Confirmed at Kington, and lay at Banbury.

7 Nov., 1701.

Idlicot. HEN. LUCAS, B.A. of Trin. Coll., Oxford, subscribed and took ye Oathes in order to be licensed to exercise the office of a Deacon in the Church of Idlicot in the County of Warwick.

8, Sat. My L^d^ went to Sunningwell.

Ordinac'o 9 Nov. 1701. Ordinac'o celebrata in Eccles. paro'li de Sunningwell in Com. Barks. Sarum Dioec. (Licentia re'di P'ris Ep'i Sarum. prius petitâ) per re'dum in XP'o p'rem ac D'num D'num WILIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um die D'nico Nono (viz't.) die Mensis Novembris An'o D'ni, 1701° me p'nte ffran'co Evans Not. Pub^co^.

PENYSTON HASTINGS[1] e Collegio Baliolense apud Oxon. A.B., et Diaconus ad Rectoriam de Daylesford in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus in Sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est die et Anno p^r^dict.

10 Nov^ris^, 1701°.

R. Daylesford. D'nus Ep'us admisit Resignac'o'em Caroli Penyston Cl'ici R'c'oris de Daylesford in Com. Wigorn. d'camq. R'c'oriam vacan. pronunciavit deq. alio pastore idoneo ib'm providend' fore decrevit etc. et tunc supradictus PENYSTON HASTINGS, Cl'icus, A.B. in d'cam R'c'oriam de Daylesford ex p'ntac'oe Penyston Hastings Gen. d'cae R'c'oriae pleno Jure Patroni admissus est.

Et scriptum est Ven'li viro Decano rurali Decanat. de Blockley Necnon o'nibus R'c'oribus Vicariis etc. pro Inducc'one d'ci Penyston Hastings, Cl'ici, in poss'onem etc.

1701.

Nov. 10, M. My L^d^ came to Maidenhead.

11, Tu. My L^d^ came to Whitehall and a Proclamac'on was published that night for Dissolving ye Parliam^e^ and calling a new one to meet 30 Dec^r^.

[1] Ancestor of Warren Hastings. Was given the living of Dalesford the next day.

1701 Nov 10 my L. came to Whitehall

11 d. my L. came to Whitehall & a Parliament was prorogued until April for Dissolving of Parliament & having a new one to meet 30 Days

15 th I writ the letters following by my Lords order

Whitehall 15 Nov 1701

Mr Bayliff

My Ld desires you to go to every Person whose Names of Elections that have Votes & desire them to appear at the next Election for Members of Parliamt & vote for Mr Bromley & Mr Walsh. His Lsp knows of no other that will stand except Sr John Packington & his Lsp does not think him as fit a Person to serve King & Country as either of the other two. His Lsp desires you take an Act of the names of all such as will vote at his Lsps request & keep it by you, & let them know he's World mightily obliged to them. I am

Your Mr Christopher Bayliff Bayliff of Alcester

Yrs Friend & Servt [illegible]

I writ the like letters

To Mr Thomas Lowe Bayliff of Stratford & Grimley

To Mr Richard Winslow Bayliff of Kemsey

To Mr John Prichard Bayliff of Wichenford

To Mr Robert Meadowcroft Bayliff of Westmancote & Chaddesley

To Mr John Chetle to convey the letters & make all the Votes

Ri: pm: & to write to the Bayliff of Wixland if worth while

A PAGE OF THE DIARY.

Nov. 15, *Sat. I writ the letters following by my L^d's order.*

Whitehall, 15 Nov., 1701.

Mr Baylis,

My L^d desires you'l go to every Person within his Mannor of Alvechurch that have votes and desire them to appear at the next Election for Members of Parlia^t and vote for Mr Bromley and Mr Walsh, his Lo^p knows of no other that will stand except Sr John Packington, and his Lo^p does not think him as fit a Person to ye King and Countrey as either of the other two. His Lo^p desires you'l take an acc^t of ye names of all such as will vote at his Lop's request and keep it by you, and let them know he'l hold himself obliged to them.

Yo^r friend and serv^t,

For Mr Philemon Baylis, ffra. Evans,
Bayleff of Alvechurch. N. P.

I writ the like letters

To Mr Thomas Lench, Bayliff of Hallow and Grimley

To Mr Richard Winslow, Bayliff of Kemsey.

To Mr John Pritchet, Bayliff of Wichenford.

To Mr Robert Meadow, Court Bayliff of Whistons and Claines.

To Mr John Chetle, to convey ye letters and make all the votes he can ; and to write to the Bayliff of Welland if worth while.

A copy of my L^d's letter to the Feoffees of Dudley Schoole.

Dudley School. Whitehall, 18 Nov., 1701.

Gentlemen,

I have heard that you have workt for Cole in the school-land, and that it does not appear to others what profit the work has yielded, nor how you have disposed of the money raised by it. It is my duty to enquire into all publick Charities, and to see that they be disposed of according to the Founder's Intention. Therefore I desire you to let me know the truth of these matters.

And withall I desire you to let me know what care is taken in setting and letting the Houses and Lands belonging to y^r School.

Being also informed that there is now neer expiring a Lease

of a House belonging to yor school, which is now let at or about £4 a year, and may be raised to 12 or £16 a year, in case some money be laid out for the improvem^{t} of it; I desire to know the truth of this; And if this Information be true, I would know whether you cannot both renew the Lease and make this Improvem^{t} out of the profits of the cole works.

It is too likely that there may be mismanagem^{ts} of that school estate, and it cannot be otherwise, if it be true, that I hear, that you do not meet together but very seldome: which you ought to do at least quarterly, to consider what may be done in order to the due performance of the Trust reposed in you as Trustees of the s^{d} school.

I hope to receive so good an account from you, as that I may not need to give myself nor you any further trouble concerning these matters. But if I have not a sufficient account sent me hither to London before my coming out of Town, I shall think myself obliged at my next coming into the country to bring a Com'ission of Charitable Uses with me, for the regulating of that charity at Dudley, and of such other charities as cannot well be regulated otherwise.

This I think fit to let you know, hoping you will take it aright that what I do is only in discharge of my Duty, and to see that you do yours; that so both you and I may have the Comfort of it, when wee come to give our account to the great Judge of the world, to whose Grace I heartily com'end you in my Prayers, and remain,

Your loving Friend and serv^{t} in Christ,
W. Worcester.

To Mr. Jonathan Taylor,
Mr. Oliver Shaw, and the
rest of the Feoffees of
the Free School at Dudley
in Worcestershire.

A Com'ission wch my L^{d} granted to Mr Chancell^{r} and to all ye Clergy to elect members of Convocac'on.

Nov. 25, 1701.

The Com'ission was drawn by the Reg^{r} at Worcester and returned by post so that I had not time to transcribe it.

Dudley School. In answer to the letter on the former page my L^{d} received a very respectful and civil letter from Mr Jonathan Taylor, Mr Oliver Shaw, Oliver Dixon, Joseph Finch, and Wm Bach, 5 of the Trustees of the s^{d} School, and in the later end of January, my L^{d} writ a letter to the Trustees, a copy whereof follows, I know not ye day by reason I had not then leisure to transcribe it, but kept ye draft.

Whitehall, Jan. 170½.

Gentlemen,

Having receiv^{d} yor letter of the 23^{d} Decr in answer to mine of ye 18th of November last, and finding therein a fair acc^{t} of w^{t} things you have done in performance of yor trust, I cannot but tell you I am very much satisfied with it, and do therefore return you my very hearty thanks.

There remains one thing more to be done for the securing of this Charity while it is in such good hands, for fear it should not come into the like in after times; that is, to make up a perfect Rentrole of all houses, lands, and tenements that belong to your school, shewing where everything therein mentioned lies, with the bounds and abutm^{ts} as near as you can, and shewing in whose Possession every particular now is, at w^{t} rent, and w^{t} would be the utmost improved value of everything in y^{r} said Rentroll. If these things were set down in so many several columns, it would be the better understood. But however you order it, if all these things are very particularly and deffinitely set down for the full and cleer Information of them that come after you, it will be a worthy work, for wch God will reward you, and posterity will praise him for the benefit they will receive by it.

I do heartily recom'end you to God, and not doubting yor concurrence in so good a work.

I remain,
Yo^{r} assured Loving friend and Diocesan,
W. Worcester.

To Mr Jonathan Taylor,
M^{r} Ol. Shaw, and the
rest of the Trustees of
Dudley School.

Moreton Bagot. My L$^{d's}$ answer to Mr John Goodwin, Rector of Moreton Bagot's petic'on, and to several Clergymen's request for restoring him from a suspension for 3 years[1], wch his L^{p} caused him to be put under.

My good Brethren,

I received a paper signed by you all, in behalf of Mr Goodwin of Moreton Bagot, to desire me to *take off his suspension*, and *restore him to his Livelyhood.* They are 2 different things that you ask, one is to restore him to the exercise of his Ministry; the other is to take off the Sequestration that is laid on the profits of that Rectory.

The arguments by wch you are moved to intercede for him, and by wch you would move me to do what you ask in his behalf, are likewise two. One is, because he is of mean judgm^{t} in outward things, and easy to be imposed upon; the other is, compassion to his great old age.

This last argument I ought to consider more than you, being older than any of you, and perhaps not younger than Mr Goodwin. But I thank God my old age has not yet disabled me from doing my duty, as his has unqualified him for a Cure of souls, having left him neither Divinity nor learning, if ever he had any; wch I do so much question that I am sorry for those Bishops that gave him holy Orders and Instituc'ons into a Church Living. I have that under his hand which they would be ashamed to see, if they were now alive; and if you saw it you would be ashamed to move for his being restored to the exercise of his Ministry.

And yet in your other Inducem^{t} to write for him, you say he is of *mean judgm^{t} in outward things;* as if you took him to be of great judgm^{t} in spirituall matters; tho' I think none of you can be of that opinion; I take it rather that you mean, he is of no judgm^{t} in spiritualls, and of very little judgm^{t} in any other.

What Churchman but he would have worn yellow fringes on his sleeves at the ArchDeacon's Visitac'on? and that taken off from the pulpit cushion, as if he had a mind to make himself ridiculous to the people? I passe by his reading the Litany with the Responses, and other such senseless things which some of you know of him.

[1] In accordance with Canon 62.

You do also say, *that he is easy to be imposed on.* This agrees wth w^t^ I have heard of him, that either drunk or sober, he is very apt to be fooled out of all he has. The meanwhile his Parsonage House and the buildings about it, as I understand, are very much out of repair. And though he being fitter to be a day labourer than a minister, doth as I hear mend the thatch with his own hands as well as he can; yet for w^t^ requires a workman he cannot afford to be at the charge; and the worst is that, when he dyes, there will be nothing to answer for Dilapidations.

These things being considered, though I am very willing to shew him all the favour I can, yet I must think how to do it without wronging the Church, for which I am to give account to the great Shepherd of Souls. You would have me take off his suspension, wch is his punishm^t^ according to the Canon for the Crimes hereafter mentioned.

But in case I should do this it would do him hurt rather than good. For having done this in compassion to him, as you desire, I must afterwards, in justice to the Soules of the People, appoint him a Coadjutor, and that must be done by an Act of the Ecclesi'all Co^rt^, wch will put him to a much greater charge. The sparing of this charge by continuing the Suspension is really a favour, whatever he thinks of it. And then for the Sequestration, wch you would have me recall; it must necessarily be continued, both for the paying of the Coadjutor, and also for the putting the Parsonage house and buildings into sufficient repair. But for the manageing of this in such sort that he may have a good surplusage for his subsistence, I desire some of you to undertake it, or that you'l name 2 or 3 such honest men as you judge fittest to be trusted with the sequestration. I am told they may very well afford him a surplusage of £30 a year, with which he may live perhaps better than he did with his whole Rectory. One thing I could not but observe all along in this man's talk, and I see it also in his writings, he has still been complaining of his hard usage, as if he had been utterly undone; and yet since I first took cognizance of him, he has had the whole profits of his Living to himself, and not bin at any charge that I know, but for his own Proctor's Fees, wch are very inconsiderable, and his journeys, most of wch he might have spared if he had pleased, whereas he that shall serve ye Cure of that Church must serve it a great while for

nothing, and at last, if this man dyes before the next harvest, he will be in danger of loosing all his salary.

But such complaints I must endure, and clamors also, sometimes for nothing else than doing my duty, and then I must have the trouble of satisfying others (as I hope I have satisfyed you) by writing Apologies when I have no time to spare. It has pleased God to call me to this, and I submit to it.

I desire the assistance of your Prayers.

My good Brethren,
Yo^r very Loving Diocesan,
W. Worcester.

Whitehall, 13 *Dec.*, 1701.

P.S. Mr. Goodwin marryed John Fisher, an Inhabitant of Evesham, and Mary Hobday, an Inhabitant of Henley, without any license so to do, tho' neither of them were of his Parish; and tho' Mary Hobday's Banes were published at Wootton, wch was mother Church of Henley, yet Fisher's Banes were never published at Evesham, as they ought to have bin, therefore this was plainly a Clandestine marriage; and it was so much the worse, because, as I am informed, he marryed them about 5 in the morning, whereas he could not have marryed them before 8, tho' he had a License.

He also marryed John Needs of Henley to a woman of Bromicham Aston, neither of them being in his Parish, and tho' the Banes were never published at Aston, where the woman was an Inhabitant.

To my Reverend Brethren,
Mr. Devereux Wilson, Rector of Oldburrough.
Mr. Joshua Noxon, Rector of Ipsley.
Mr. James Powell, Rector of Beoly.
Mr. Wm. Malines, Vicar of Tanworth.
Mr. Richard Lawrence, Rector of Preston Bagot.
Mr. Joseph Potter, Vicar of Coughton, and
Mr. Thomas Allen, Rector of Spernall.

13 Dec^r, 1701.

V. Stratford-upon-Avon. Dr. JOHN OVINGTON resigned the said Vicarage and my L^d admitted the Resignac'on.

15 Dec^{r}, 1701.

JOHN JACKSON, Clerke, M.A., was admitted into the Vicarage of Stratford upon Avon, in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester, void by the Resignation of Dr John Ovington, to wch he was p^{r}sented by the Right Honble Charles, Earle of Dorsett and Middx. Patron of ye s^{d} Vicarage Pleno Jure.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Secretar. . . .	2	10	0
Regi. . . .	0	12	0
Reg'rario . . .	1	7	2
Clerico . .	0	5	0
	£4	14	2

A mandate for his Induce'on was directed to the Rural Dean of Kington and to all Rectors, Vicars, and Curates, &c.

Th. Dec. 18. I went to Crawley on my way to Horsham.

19, Fri. I went to Horsham, seized Mr Machel's horse, worth ab^{t} £15, for a Herriott due by his alienac'on of his Estate at Claines, and returned to Crawley that night.

20, Sat. I returned to Whitehall.

8 Jan., 170½.

Hartlebury School. JOHN PEARKES, Cl., M.A., was licensed to be chief schoolm^{r} of Hartlebury, having subscribed and taken the oathes before Mr Chanc^{r}.

Mr Neville, Rector of Evenlode, in the Diocese of Worcester, being p^{r}sented to the Rectory of Dowdeswell, in the Diocese of Gloucester, desired my L$^{d's}$ cert., wch was granted him as foll^{s}.

R. Evenlode. To the most Reverend Father in God, THOMAS, by Divine Providence Ld Arch^{p} of Canterbury.

These are to certify your Grace that Mr Charles Neville, Master of Arts, and Chaplain to the Right Honble Hugh[1], Lord Cholmondeley, is possessed of the Rectory of Evenlode, in the County

[1] 2nd Viscount, created Earl 1706. He zealously forwarded the Revolution; d. unmarried, 1724.

and Diocese of Worcester, the real value whereof I believe does not exceed £120 p^r Annum, and as I understand is p^rsented to the Rectory of Dowdeswell, in the County and Diocese of Gloucester, said to be of the real value of £100, and distant from his other Living eleven miles. I believe him to be a very deserving man, both for his life and learning, and good affection to the Goverm^t, and do therefore hold him worthy of y^r Grace's favour in granting him a Dispensation to hold these 2 Livings.

For that of Evenlode, where he now Resides, I will take care that he shall continue so to do according to the Canon, and that he shall make a good allowance to the Curate at such times when he does not reside, and shall keep the Houses in good repair.

Witness my hand the 12th day of January, 170½.

W. Worcester.

My L^d took two Bonds from Mr Neville before he signed this Cert., each of £100 penalty; one to allow after the rate of £40 per annum to a Curate, and ye other to keep the Buildings in repair.

26 Jan., 1701.

Surgeon's License. JOHN WILKINSON was licensed by Mr Chancellor to practise surgery.

Ordinac'o, 1° Feb., 170½. Ordinac'o celebrata in Capella Regia apud Whitehall die D'nico primo (viz't.) die mensis Februari A'no D'ni (stylo Angliae) Mill'imo Septinge'simo primo, per reverendum P'rem WILLIELMUM p^rne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um me p'nte ffranc'o Evans No'rio Pub'co.

CAROLUS VERNON Artium Magister Collegie beatae Mariae Madalenae Oxon' semicom' et Diaconus apud Bourton super aquam in Com. Gloucestriae 25 Ann' natus, mox in Comitatu Legati Regii in Danaim[1] iturus, atq. ibi Capellani Domestici munere functurus in sacrum Presbyteratus Ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Edr'um Ep'um Gloucestr.*, 30 *Aug.*, 1700°.

[1] Denmark (?).

10 Feb., 170½.

Malvern Magna V. HENRICUS HILL, Cl'icus, admissus fuit per D'num Cancellar: apud Wigorn. in Vicar. de Malverne Magna per mortem ult'i Incumb. ib'm vacan. ex p'ntac'one Gul. Bromley Ar^r. Patron.

An Acc^t of my Journey into Wales:—

Feb. 9, M. I left London and went to St Alban's and lay at Redburne.

10, Tu. I went to Northampton.

11, W. I went to Leicester.

12, Th. I went to Ockbrook.

13, Fri. I went to Snelston.

14, Sat. I was at Ashburne.

15, Sunday. I was at Mayfield.

16, M. I went to Draycot.

18, W. I went to Eccleshall and met Mr Hughes there.

19, Th. We went to Prees.

20, Fri. I went to Oswestry.

21, Sat. I was at Park.

23, M. I went to Castle thro' Pool.

24, Tu. I was at Llangynyn.

25, W. I was at Ranhimva.

26, Th. I was at Hydan.

27, Fri. I was at Coz. John Birgwyn's.

28, Sat. I went to Salop.

Mar. 1, Sunday. I was at Pooley.

2, M. I went to Llanymynech.

3, Tu. I went to Llangedwyn and Oswestry.

6, Fri. I went to Llangollen and returned to Oswestry.

170½, 7, Sat. My mother dyed at Oswestry ab^t 4 in the morning.

10, Tu. My mother was buryed in the middle chancell in Osw.

11, W. I went to Erbistock.

12, Th. I went to Wrexham and so to Gresford.

14, Sat. I went to fflint and so to Trer Castell.

16, M. I was at St Asaph and Llannerch.

17, Tu. I was at St Asaph and went to Mr Harper's Com'on at Denbigh.

18, W. I went from Denbigh to Trer Castell, and thence to St Asaph, and lay that night at Ruthin.

170½.

Mar. 19, Th. I went to Doleyglesyn and dined at Rug.
20, Fri. I went thro' Llangollen to Oswestry.
22, Sunday. I went to Salop.
23, M. I went to Draycot.
25, W. I went to Snelston.
26, Th. I was at Ashburne.
27, Fri. I came to Bramston near Leicester.
28, Sat. I came to Horton.
29, Sunday. I came to St Alban's and was in Woburn Church.
30, M. I came to Whitehall.

31 Mar., 1702°.

R. Knightwick cum Capella de Doddenham. JOH'ES MEDENS, Cl'icus, A.M., admissus fuit in Rectoriam de Knightwick cum Capella de Doddenham (per mortem ult'i Incumb' ib'm vacan.) per D'num Cancellar. apud Wigorn. ex p^r^sentac'o'e Decani et Capituli Wigorn.

Mar. 8, Sunday. K^g^ W^m^ dyed at Kensington.

26 Feb., 170½.

St Peter's in Wych. Wm COOKE was Licensed to practise Chirurgery, having subscribed and taken the Oathes before Mr Chanc^r^.

31 Mar., 1702.

Kiderminster. GEORGIUS HEART, A.B., Licentiatus fuit per D'num Cancellarin. apud Wigorn. ad exercend. officium Ludim'ri in pub'ca Schola Kiderminster.

16 Feb., 170½.

R. Suckley. THOMAS PARSONS, Clerke, M.A., was admitted into the Rectory of Suckley, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, void by the death of Benjamin Herbert, Clerke, to wch he was p^r^sented by the King's Ma^ty^.

A mandate for his Inducc'on was directed to ye Arch-Deacon of Worcester.

28 Feb., 170½.

R. Witley Magna. JOHN WRIGHT, Clerk, was admitted into the Rectory of Great Witley, in the County and Diocese of Worcester,

void by the death of [blank], to wch he was p^rsented by Thomas Foley, Esqr. A Mandate for his Inducc'on was directed to the ArchDeacon of Worcester. I was in Wales at the time of this Ordinac'on, and there was no Public Notary p^rsent.

Ordinac'o 15 Mar., 170½. Ordinac'o celebrata per reverendum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorniensem Ep'um ad requisic'o'em reverendi in XP'o patris ac D'ni D'ni Henrici[1] per'ne Divina Londinensis Episcopi, in Capella Regia apud Whitehall die D'nico viz. Decimo quinto die Mensis Martii Anno D'ni (juxta etc.) Mill'imo Septingen'mo primo.

Diaconi. 1. MATTHAEUS AUDLEY paroc'a S'ci Bennet ffink London, 23 Ann. natus ex aula S'ci Albani apud Oxonienses A.B. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia S'cae Annae Westmonaster. intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

2. JOHANNES FLASBY apud Leek in Com. Lancastriae 23 Ann. natus e Coll. Christi Cantabrigiensis A.B. ad inserviendum Curae a'i'ar. Eccl'iae de Reed in Com. Hertfordiae intitulatus ad sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

3. GULIELMUS PALEY apud Gigleswick in Com. Eboranensi 23 Ann. natus e Collegio Christi apud Cantabrigienses A.B. ad peragend. Diaconi Officium in Eccl'ia de Hibbaldstow in Com. . . . . Lincoln. Diocces. intitulatus rogatu Ep'i Lincoln. in Sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

4. EDWARDUS MATHEWES apud Swanzey in Com. Glamorgan. 24 Ann. natus e Collegio Sanctae et Individuae Trinitatis juxta Dublin A.B. in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri. 1. GEORGIUS KEITH[2] apud Peterhead in Com. Aberdeen in Scotia 64 Ann. natus e Collegio Neoabredonensi in Scotia in Sacrum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Deacon per Ep'um Londini*[1] *mense Maii*, 1700.

[1] Henry Compton, for 39 years Bishop of London.

[2] The first S.P.G. Missionary, formerly a Quaker. See Introduction.

2. MATTHAEUS BAINES apud Cantabrigiam natus Collegii Christi apud Cantabrigienses socius et in Artibus Inceptor ad sacrum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Deacon per Ep'um Lincoln*, 29 *Junii*, 1701.

3. JACOBUS KING apud Paddington in Com. Middlesexiae 25 Ann. natus e Collegio Merton apud Oxon. A.B. et Diaconus in sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Ep'um Lichen. mense Decembr.*, 1700.

4. NATH. TAUBMAN in Civitate Dublin, 25 Ann. natus e Coll. SS. et individuae Trin. juxta Dublin, A.B., et Diaconus ad sacrosanctum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est. *Deacon. per Ep'um Kildare*, 25 *Feb.* 1699°.

5. JOSEPHUS WILLIAMSON apud Burnsale in Com. Eboracensi, 25 Ann. natus et e Collegio Aulae Pembrokianae apud Cantabr. Diaconus ad inserviendum curae Animaru. eccl'iae S'ci Pancratii in Com. Middlesexiae intitulatus in Sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Ep'um Londinensem*, *Anno* 1699°.

Persons rejected not satisfying his Lop in point of sufficiency.

——— Ventres, who desired Deacon's orders.

Robert Cary, B.A., of Lincoln Colledge,
Hugh Lloyd, B.A., of St John's Coll. in Camb.
} desired Priest's orders.

5 Apr., 1702.

Ordinac'o 5 Aprilis, 1702. In Capella Regia apud Whitehall Festo Paschae (viz't.) quinto die Aprilis An'o D'ni 1702°, GULIELMUS HARDESTEE, Cl'icus, in Artibus Coll. Jesu apud Cantabrigienses et Ludimagistrum Scholae Ashburniensis in Agro Derbiensi rogatu Ep'i Lichen. in Sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est (rogatu Ep'i Lichfieldiensis).

Ordinac'o 12° Aprilis, 1702. In Capella Regia apud Whitehall die d'nico (viz't.) duodecimo die Aprilis An'o D'ni 1702°, praedictus GULIELMUS HARDESTEE, A.M., et Diaconus ad R'c'oriam de Fenny Bentley in Com. Derbiensi intitulatus rogatu Ep'i Lichfieldiensis per reverendum in XP'o Patrem D'num Gulielmum Ep'um Wigorn. anted'c'um in sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est, me prsente ffranc'o Evans, No'rio Pub'co.

13 Apr., 1702.

Budbrook V. THOMAS NORTON, Cl'icus, A.M., admissus fuit per D'num Cancellar. apud Wigorn. in Vicar. de Budbrook in Com. Warwicen.

1702, Apr. 18, Sat. I left London and lay at Horton near Windsor.

21, Tu. Wee kept Co^rt^ at Blockley. Mr Chancellor was there.

26, Sunday. I went to Church to Lichfield, and y^t^ night to Snelston.

27, M. I was at Marston Park.

28, Tu. I was at Ashburn and executed ye writings for my wife's porc'on.

30, Th. I was at Chedle probate Co^rt^.

May 6, W. I was at ye correction Co^rt^ at Osw.

13, W. My Lord left London, lay at Agmo'dsham.

14, Th. Went to Banbury.

15, Fr. Preacht, Confirmed at Kineton, and so to my Ld Willoughby's.

16, Sat. Went to Warwick.

I went thro' Coleshill to meet my L^d^ at Warwick.

17, Sunday. My Lord preached at St Mary's in Warwick and Adm^rd^ ye Sacr^t^.

18, M. My L^d^ preacht and Confirmed at Warwick.

19, Tu. My L^d^ preacht and Confirmed at Henley, and lay at Alcester.

20, W. My L^d^ preach'd and Confirmed at Alcester, and came to Hartlebury.

21, Th. I was at a Co^rt^ at Alvechurch.

23, Sat. I was at Kiderm^r^ for my Lady.

25, M. Whitsun Munday I was at Kingswinford.

29, Fr. I was at Worcester.

5° May, 1702.

Hagley R. GULIELMUS BOWLES, Cl'icus, in Artibus Magister, in Rectoriam de Hagley in Com. Wigorn. per mortem Will' Mose vacan. ex pr'tac'o'e Caroli Littleton[1] Baronetti d'cae R'c'oriae pleno Jure Patroni admissus est apud

[1] 3rd Bart., an active Royalist, died 1716, aged 87. Grandfather of the 1st Baron Lyttelton.

Whitehall p'nte Joh'e Price Notario Pub'co die et A'no p^rdict.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Archi'no Wigorn. pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Gulielmi Bowles, etc.

28 May, 1702.

Welsburn Ludimag^r — THOMAS ELLIS literatus ad exercend. officium Ludi-m'ri in parochia de Welsburn in Com. Warwicen. Licentiatus fuit apud Hartlebury die et A'no p^rd't.

Ordinac'o, Trin., 31 May, 1702. — Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in Com. Wigorn. die D'nico post jejunium quatuor temporum tricesimo primo (viz't.) die mensis May A'no D'ni Mill'imo Septingentesimo secundo per re'dum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Worgorn. Ep'um me p'nte ffranc'o Evans, Notario Pub'co.

Diaconi. 1. ROGERUS HUGHES paro'ia de Hyrnant in Com. Mountgom'iae triginta annos natus, ex aede Xti Oxon. Artiu. Baccal. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Capella de Henley in Arden in Com. Warwicen. intitulatus doctrina et scientia Exa'i'at. et cu' Laude approbat. in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

2. JOHANNES BROWNE literatus paro'ia de Draycot in le Moors in Com. Staffordiae 26 Annos natus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Checkley in Com. Staffordiae intitulatus Doctrina et scientia Ex'i'at. et cu' laude approbat. (rogatu Epi' Lich'en.) in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

3. ROBERTUS HALLAM paro'iae de Sutton cum Duckmanton in Comitatu Derbiensi 27 Ann' natus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Capellis de Heagi et Belper in Com. Derbiensi intitulatus, Doctrina et scientia Exa'i'at. et cu' laude approbat. (rogatu Ep' Lich'en.) in Sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri. 1. GULIELMUS FELLOWES paro'ia de Gumley in Com. Leicestriae 27 Ann. natus ex Aula Cathrina apud Cantab. A.B. ad Rectoriam de Broughton Hacket in Com. Wigorn. intitulatus, Doctrina ex scientia exa'i'at. et cum laude ap-

probat. in sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est. *Deacon. per Ep'um Londin. mense Sept.* 24°, 1699.

2. JOHANNES ALLISON paro'ia de Willian in Com. Hertfordiae 24 Ann. natus, Collegii Regalis apud Cantabrigienses A.B. ad inserviendum curae animarum Eccl'ia paro'lis de Bushley in Com. Wigorn. intitulatus, Doctrina et scientia exa'i'at. et non nisi propter spem melioris profectus approbat. in sacrum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Deacon. per Ep'um Lincoln*, 29° *Jun.*, 1701.

Persons refused.

1. Samuel Mogridge, Deacon, and Curate of Berrow, desired to be admitted into Priest's Orders, but was refused for want of sufficient testimonialls.
2. Giles Nanfan, B.A., of Brazen Nose in Oxford, and Curate of Breedon, desired to be ordeined Priest, but was refused, being under 24 years of age.

1° Junii, 1702°.

R. Broughton Hackett. GULIELMUS FELLOWES [1], Cl'icus, A.B., in Rectoriam de Broughton Hackett in Com. Wigorn. (ex p'ntac'one D'nae Reginae d'c'ae R'c'oris plene Jure Patron) per mortem ultimi Incumbentis ib'm vacan. admissus est die et an'o pr'dict.

Et scriptum est ArchDiacono Wigorn. pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Gulielmi Fellowes in possessionem etc.

1702.

June 3, W. I went to Blockley from Hartlebury. [He visited other places.]

19, Fri. I was at Derby, Radburn, and Ashburn.

20, Sat. I was at Ashburn.

My Father [2] dyed ab^t 11 y^t day at Osw.

21, Sun. I had ye news of my Father's death from Oswestry, and went that night to Eccleshall.

22, M. I went to Oswestry.

23, Tu. My Father was intered in ye same grave by my Mother, in the middle Chancell in Oswestry Church.

24, W. I came to Salop and lay at Pooly.

[1] Ordained priest the day before.

[2] He kept the "Bell Inn," close to the Church at Oswestry.

1702.

June 25, Th. I came to Hartlebury.

My L^{d} visited the Dean and Chapter.

26, Fri. I went to my L^{d} at Worcester.

28, Sunday. I was with Mr G. Edd's at Broughton Hackett Church.

My L^{d} preached at Worcester.

30, Tu. My L^{d} dined the magistrates of Worcester.

July 1, W. I went with my L^{d} to Ledbury.

2, Th. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Upton, and lay at Strensham.

3, Fri. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Pershore, and lay at Dumbleton.

4, Sat. My L^{d} went to Evesham.

I was at Blockley and came to Evesham y^{t} night.

5, Sunday. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Evesham.

Cutsden Cur.

6, M. Wm WIND, A.M., was licensed to be curate there.

Blockley Cur. ERASMUS SAUNDERS, A.M., was licensed curate there.

My L^{d} held his Visitac'on for the clergy at Evesham.

7, Tu. My L^{d} dined at Sr Ant. Craven's[1] and went to Stratford.

Aberton R. Mr GROVE was Instituted. See ye next page.

8, W. My L^{d} held his Visitac'on at Stratford and confirmed.

9, Th. My L^{d} dined at Sr John[2] Clopton's and went to Bromsgrove.

10, Fri. My L^{d} visited the clergy there and came to Hartlebury.

Belbroughton Cur. GEO. VERNON, Cl^{k}, B.A., was licensed curate of Belbroughton.

Hagley Cur. JOS. CHILLINGWORTH, Cl^{k}, B.A., was licensed curate of Hagley.

I went to Alvechurch.

11, Sat. I came to Hartlebury.

12, Sun. My L^{d} preacht at Hartlebury.

13, M. My L^{d} went to Worcester.

[1] Of Appletree Wick in Craven.

[2] Of Clopton, in the parish of Stratford on Avon. His second son, Sir Hugh, was Steward of Stratford, 1732.

July 14, Tu. The Quarter Sessions, where I took ye Abj. Oath [1].

Rushock. Wm JEPHCOT, Cl., M.A., was licensed curate of Rushock.

15, W. My L^d visited ye Deanery of Powick.

Bishampton V. Mr GROVE was collated. See next page.

16, Th. My L^d visited the Deanery of Worcester.

17, Fri. I was at Welland.

18, Sat. My L^d came to Hartlebury.

19, Sun. My L^d preacht.

22, W. I was at Sturbridge and at ye Adj^d Sessions.

25, Sat. I was at Worcester.

29, W. I went to Alvechurch.

31, Fri. I went thence to Dascot, Tredington, and Newbold, and lay at Mr Marriot's.

Aug. 1, Sat. I returned thro Alcester and Feckenham to Hartlebury.

30 July, 1702.

V. Hunnington. RIC'US BLAND, Cl'icus, Art. Bacc. in vicar. de Honnington in Com. Warwicen. ex p'ntac'o'e Henrici Parker, Baronetti d'c'ae Vicariae pleno Jure Patroni.

29 July, 1702.

Binton cur. SAMUEL MARSHALL, Cl'icus, Licentiatus fuit per D'num Cancell^r ad inserviend. Curae Animar. Eccl'ia p'olis de Binton in Com. Warwicen.

Aug. 3, M. My L^d went to Worcester.

4, Tu. Visitac'on of Chapter.

5, W. Was ye elec'ion for the County of Worcester [2].

6, Th. I was at Whitburne.

7, Fri. My L^d returned to Hartlebury from Worcester.

8, Sat. I went to Glenfield in Leicestershire.

13, Th. I returned from Glenfield to Hartlebury.

17, M. I was at Witley at Mr Lench's.

19, W. I was with my L^d at Witley.

20, Th. I went to the Assizes at Worcester.

21, Fri. I returned to Hartlebury.

[1] The oath of abjuration for the succession of the crown in the Protestant line.

[2] Q. Anne's first Parliament met Oct. 20, and Sir John Pakington made his complaint against Bishop Lloyd, Nov. 2. *See the Introduction.*

14 Aug., 1702.

Surgeon's License. Wm COOKE of Droitwich was licensed by Mr Chancellor to practise surgery.

7 July, 1702.

Abberton R. JOHANNES GROVE, Cl'icus, A.M., admissus fuit in R'c'oriam de Abberton in Com. Wigorn. per mortem Thomae Brooke ult'i Incumben' ib'm jam vacan. ad prsentac'o'em Radulphi Sheldon de Weston Ar. d'c'ae Eccl'iae pleno Jure Patroni.

15 July, 1702.

Bishampton V. Idem JOHANNES GROVE, Cl'icus, collatus fuit per D'num Ep'um in Vicariam de Bishampton in com. Wigorn. per mortem an'd'c'i Thomae Brooke vacan.

6 July, 1702.

Stretton sup. Fosse. BAPTISTA HYCKES, Cl., A.B., Licentiatus fuit ad inserviend. Curae Animaru. Eccl'iae de Stretton sup. Fosse (subscripsit et jurta p'stitit coram d'no cacellario).

1702. *An Acct of my journey into Wales.*

Aug. 22, Sat. I went to Bridgenorth, &c., &c.

Sept. 15, W. Returned to Hartlebury.

5 Sept., 1702.

Longdon V. JOHANNES BROWNE, Cl'icus, A.M., admissus fuit in Vicariam de Longdon cum Capellis de Castlemorton et Chatesley annex. per mortem Rob'ti Wriggan cl'ici. vacan. ad Prsentac'o'em Decani et Capituli Eccl'iae collegiatae Beati S'ci Petri Westmonaster. Patronor.

Sept. 21, M. I was at Worcester.

25, Fri. I was at Claines and Hallow and Grimley.

30, W. I was at Worcester.

15 July, 1702.

Berrow. GYLES NANFAN, A.B., was licensed to exercise the office of Deacon in ye Parish Church of Berrow.

15 July, 1702.

Kinwarton. JOHN ALLISON, Cl., B.A., was licensed curate of Kinwarton.

Comberton Magna. CHRIST. KENRICK, Cl., licensed 16 July, 1702.

Wichenford. THOS. TAYLOR, B.A. and Deacon, licensed 23 July, 1702.

1 Oct., 1702.

Evesham Schola et Uffenham Eccl'ia. SAMUEL BARON, Diaconus, A.M., ad inserviend. Curae animarum Eccl'iae paro'lis de Uffenham necnon ad exercend. officium Ludimagistri in publica Schola de Evesham Licentiatus fuit die et anno p'dict.

Oct. 3, Sat. I was at Worcester

5, M. I was at ye Co^rt at Hartlebury.

6, Tu. „ at Claines.

7, W. „ at Kemsey.

8, Th. „ at Hallow.

9, Fri. „ at Alvechurch.

10, Sat. I returned to Hartlebury.

Whistons and Claines. My L^d granted a Deputac'on to Tho. Wilde, Esqr, to be gamekeeper of Claines.

Oct. 12, M. My L^d set out for London and lay at Evesham.

I called at Worcester and Bishops Aston on my way.

12 Oct., 1702.

Shipston. My L^d confirmed a Lease granted by the p^rsent Rector of Tredington, 3 Nov., 1701, and confirmed by the Patron Sr Henry Parker, 10 December, 1701, of a house in Shipston to Samuel Belcher, Apothecary of Shipston, at 40*s.* rent free from taxes, in considerac'on of ye great expense Mr Saml Belchier was at in building there. *Certified by Mr Stevens and others.*

12° die October, 1702.

Evesham. THOMAS MANSELL, Clericus, A.M., Licentiatus fuit ad inserviend. curae animarum Eccl'iarum Omnium Sanctorum et S^ti Lawrentii Evesham die et an'o p'dict.

13, Tu. My L^d went to Woodstock and lay there.

14, W. My L^d dined at Oxford and lay at Sunningwell.

This day I escaped falling and being stiffled in Mr Jones' house of office at Oxford, as I did this day 12 months, being hurt at Tredington, when the floor fell under the Chanc^r, Stew^d, Jury, and myself, and many others that attended the Co^rt there.

Oct. 15, Th. Rested there.

16, Fri. Wee came to Maydenhead.

17, Sat. Wee came to London.

Droitwich School. THOS. ROCK, licensed by Mr Chanc^r, 2 Nov., 1702.

Croom Dabitot. Jo^n WALL, Deacon, licensed Curate there by Mr Chanc^r, 18 Nov., 1702.

Dudley. BERNARD PERKS, licensed Chirurgeon by Mr Chanc^r, 23 Nov., 1702.

Elmley Lovet. Wm WALL, B.A., licensed Schoolm^r there by Mr Chanc^r, 5 Dec., 1702.

Mathon. WALTER SYM'ONDS, Cl., M.A., licensed perpetual Curate there by Mr Chanc^r, 24 Feb 170⅔.

3° November, 1702.

R. Whatcote. PTOLOMAEUS JAMES, Cl'icus in Artibus Magister Admissus fuit in R'c'oriam de Whatcote in Com. Warwicen. per mortem Rowlandi Aris Cl'ici ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. Ex p^rsentac'one praenobilis Georgii Comitis Northamptoniae d'c'æ Eccl'iæ (ut dicitur) pleno Jure Patroni.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Archi'no Wigorn. pro Inducc'one d'ci Ptolomaei James seu ejus Procu'rem in poss'ionem d'c'ae Eccl'iae Juriumq., etc. *I rec^d the Chanc^r and Archdeacon's Fees.*

10 November, 1702.

V. Stratford super Avon. NICHOLAUS BRADY[1] sacrae Theologiae Professor in Vicariam Eccl'iae Paro'lis de Stratford super Avon in Com. Warwic. per mortem Joh'is Jackson Cl'ici ultimi Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p^rsentac'one p^rnobilis Caroli Comitis Dorsett et Midds. d'c'ae Vicariae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patroni admissus est die et An'o praedict.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Joh'i Price Cl'ico Legum Baccal. Vicario in sp'u'alibus Gen'li etc. vel alii cuicu'q. p'tatem in hac parte habenti pro Inducc'one d'c'i Nicholai Brady seu ejus Procur'em l'timum quemcu'q. in poss'ionem d'c'ae Vicariae Juriu'q. etc. *I rec^d ye Chancellor's Fees.*

[1] Nicholas Brady and Nahum Tate together prepared *The New Version of the Psalms*, which the Church of England substituted for the old rendering by Sternhold and Hopkins. Both of them were Irishmen. Dr. Brady was born at Bandon, 1659. He was chaplain to William III.; d. 1726.

21 Nov., 1702. Blockley. My L^d granted a Deputac'on to Sr JAMES RUSHOUT [1], Bar^t, to be one of his Gamekeepers of Blockley during pleasure, and untill he revokes it by notice given him under hand and seal.

Bishop's Aston. My L^d granted the like Deputac'on to THOMAS SYMONDS the younger to be one of his Gamekeepers within ye Mannor of Bishops Aston.

Ordinac'o 6 Decembris, 1702. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Capella Regia apud Whitehall die D'nico viz't. sexto die mensis Decembris Anno D'ni Milli'mo Septingen'mo secundo, per re'dum in XP'o P'rem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM p'ne di'a Wigorn. Epi'um me p'nte ffranc'o Evans Notario Pub'co.

(venia re'dissimi patris Cantuar. ArchiEp'i in hac p'te prius obtenta.)

Diacon. 1. HENRICUS FELTON in paro'ia S'ci Martini in Campis in Com. Middx. 23 Annos natus ex Aula S'ci Edmundi Oxon' in Artibus Magister, ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Lapworth in Com. Warwicensi intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

Presbyter. 1. JOHANNES MOORE in paro'ia de Studleigh in Com. Warwic. 24 annos natus e Coll. Merton Oxon' Artium Bacc. et Diaconus ad Vicariam de Wotton Wawen in Com. Warwicen. intitulatus, in sacrosanctum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est.

Septimo die Decembris, 1702°.

Lapworth, Cur. Fiat Licentia HENRICO FELTON Artium Mag'ro ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Lapworth in Com. Warwicensi (subscriptis prius et Juratis coram nobis per praedictum Henricum Felton o'nibus et singulis articulis et Juramentis in hac parte de Jure subscribendis et Jurandis).

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Canceller 4*s.* 10*d.*
Secret 5*s.* 0*d.*

Dat Septimo die mensis Septembris An'o D'ni 1702°.

W. Wigorn.

[1] Of Northwick.

Undecimo die Mensis
Decembris, 1702.

V. Wotton Waven al's Waves Wotton. JOHANNES MOORE, Cl'icus, Artium Bacc. in Vicariam de Wotton Waven al's Waves Wotton in Com. Warwicensi ex p'sentac'o'e Praepositi et Scholar. Collegii Regalis apud Cantab. d'cae Vicariae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron admissus est die et Anno p'dict.

Et scriptum est Ven'li ArchiDiacono Wigorn. ejusve offi'li aut alii cuicu'q. p'tatem in hac parte habenti pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Joh'is Moore, Cl. in poss'ionem etc.

170⅔, Jan. 4, M. I left London and came by coach to Worcester on Thursday the 7th of January.

8, F. I was at White Lady Aston to give Mr Wolley Livery and seizin on Mrs Hooper's Lease, and came that night to Hartlebury.

Feb. 17, W. I was at Worcester and collected the tenths there.

18, Th. I went in the stage coach from Worcester, and got to London on Saturday, 20th Feb., and continued wth my Ld at London till Th., March 4th, 170⅔.

March 4, Th. I left London and came by coach to Oxford; lay at Wickham.

5, F. I lay at Oxford.

6, Sat. My Ld and his Family came to Oxford.

7, Sunday. I left Oxford and came to Evesham thro' Blockley.

8, M. I came to Worcester Assizes.

10, W. I came to Hartlebury.

17, W. I went to Blockley.

18, Th. I went to Oxford.

19. Fri. I staid at Oxford.

20, Sat. I went in the stage coach to London, and continued at London till W., 7th of Aprill.

1703, April 7, W. I came by stage coach to Oxford.

Longdon. Wm NEED licensed Schoolmastr there by Mr Chancr, 26 Apr., 1703.

A copy of my L$^{d's}$ letter to the ArchB^{p} for Mr Bell's Dispensac'on.

To the most Reverend Father in God, THOMAS, Ld ArchB^{p} of Canterbury.

May it please y^{r} Grace,

Whereas ROBT. BELL, Clerk, M.A., is possessed of the R. of Naunton Beauchamp, in the County and Diocese of Worc^{r}, of y^{e} real value of £70 per An'um, and is presented to the Rect. of Pirton in the same County and Diocese, of ye reall value of £90 per An', and not exceeding six miles distant from ye other. This may certify yor Grace that I have personal knowledge of the s^{d} Mr Bell, and have also seen good testimonials in his behalf, and in case y^{r} Grace, shall be pleased to grant him his request for a Dispensac'on to hold ye s^{d} two Rectories wch I humbly submit to y^{or} Grace, I will care y^{t} the Chancells of ye Churches and Parsonage Houses be kept in good repair, and that he keep a sufficient Curate. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand the ninth day of Aprill, Anno D'ni, 1703.

W. Worcester.

1703, Apr. 12, M. I came from Oxford to Blockley.

[Another tour, including three days at Oswestry "settling my Father's goods."]

May 4, Tu. I went from Hartlebury to Moreton in Marsh.

5, W. I went to Oxford.

7, Fri. My L^{d} left Oxford and lay at Stow. I came wth him.

8, Sat. My L^{d} dined with Sr Robt^{t} Atkins[1] and lay at Broadway.

9, Sunday. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Broadway.

10, M. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Evesham.

11, Tu. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Pershore.

12, W. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Upton, and lay at Worcester.

13, Th. My L^{d} and his Family came to Hartlebury.

[1] Of a legal family. Succeeded his brother as Ld Chief Baron of Exchequer, 1689; retired, 1693. "After Hale there was no more learned man." (Ld Campbell.)

May 15, Sat. I went to Snelston.

20, Th. I went from Snelston to Eccleshall.

21, Fri. I went to Wybunbury and took livery of ye mannor there for my L^d's^ use, and came to Newport.

22, Sat. I returned to Hartlebury.

Ordinac'on at Hartlebury, Trinity Sunday, 23 May, 1703. At an Ordination held in the Parish Church of Hartlebury, in the County of Worcester, by the Right Revd Father in God WILLIAM, Lord Bishop of Worcester, on Trinity Sunday, the 23th day of May, 1703, I being present, ffrancis Evans, Notary Publique, the Persons whose names are under written were admitted into the holy order of Priesthood.

Priests. 1. GILES NANFAN, born in the Parish of Birtsmoreton, in the County of Worcester, aged 24 y^rs^, B.A. of Brazen Nose Coll. in Oxford, and Deacon, entitled to the curacy of Berrow, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, was admitted into the holy order of Priesthood.

2. ROGER HUGHES, born at Hyrnant in the County of Montgomery, aged 30 y^rs^, and a B.A. of Christ Church in Oxford and Deacon, entitled to be the Curate of Henley, in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester, was admitted into the holy order of Priesthood.

Persons that offered themselves and were refused.

John Adams, A.B., desired to be ordeined Deacon, but was refused for Insufficiency.

John Clarke, A.B , desired to be ordeined Deacon, but was refused.

Thomas Philpot, A.M. and Deacon, desired to be ordeined Priest, but was refused for ——

Samuel Mogridge, Deacon, desired to be ordeined Priest, but was refused.

1703, May.

28, Fri. My L^d^ went to Worcester.

29, Sat. My L^d^ preacht and confirmed there for ye country.

30, Sunday. My L^d^ confirmed for the city.

1703, May 31, M. My L^d^ dined with Lady Middleton[1] and went to Droitwych.

June 1, Tu. My L^d^ preacht and confirmed at Droitwych and went after dinner that night to Alcester.

2, W. My L^d^ preacht and confirmed at Alcester and went that night to Stratford.

3, Th. My L^d^ dined with Ld Willoughby at Compton and preacht and confirmed that afternoon at Kington and went that night to Banbury.

4, Fri. My L^d^ went to Oxford.

6, Sunday. I was at Sunningwell.

9, W. My L^d^ did sett out for Bath and got thither next day being Thursday the 10th. I went that day from Oxon. by coach to London.

Alcester School. RICH^d^ JENNINGS, Cl., B.A., licensed Schoolm^r^ there by M^r^. Chance^r^, 18 June, 1703.

July 23, Fri. My L^d^ continued at Bath till Thursday 22th of July, being six weeks, and then went tow^ds^ Oxford and got thither next day.

R. Pirton. ROB. BELL, Cl., M.A., admissus est rector ib'm per m'rum Chancell^r^, decimo quarto Junii, 1703.

5 Aug., 1703.

V. Snittfield. JOHANNES WINSLOW, Cl'icus, in Artibus Magister Collatus fuit in Vicariam de Snitfield in Com. Warwicen. per mortem Joh'is Tomkys Cl. ult'i Incumbentis ib'm jam vacan. per Reverendum et Ven'lem virum Johannem Price, Legum Baccalaureum re'di Patris Ep'i Wigorn. vicarium in Sp'ualibus generalem, etc. ex Mandato D'ni Ep'i.

Kemsey. ABDIAS TAYLOR Cl., A.B., licentiatus est Curatus ib'm per m'rum Cancellar. 6° die Augusti, 1703.

Broadway. JOHANNES GRIFFITHS, A.B., licentiatus est Curatus ib'm per m'rum Cancellar. 16° die Augusti, 1703.

[1] Lady Catherine Brudenell, d. of Robert E. of Cardigan, wife of Charles, 2nd E. of Middleton, a Royalist. She died at St Germains, 1743, in her 95th year. The Bishop used to send her venison.

16° die Augusti, 1703.

1703, July. I continued at London from June 9, W., till Monday, 5 July.

5, M. I went in Leicester coach to Woburn.

6, Tu. To Harborrough.

7, W. To Leicester and y^t night to Glenfield.

12, M. I left Glenfield and came to Snelston thro' Derby; was absent in Wales till Aug. 28.

20, Tu. I was at St. Asaph at B^p Hooper's[1] election.

Aug, 28, Sat. I came to Hartlebury.

Sept., 1, W. I went to Oxon.

3, Fri. My L^d left Oxon. and I attended his Lo^p to Banbury.

4, Sat. My L^d dined at Ld Willoughby's at Compton, and came to Warwick.

5, Sunday. My L^d preacht and adm^rd the Sac^t, and confirmed at Warwick.

6, M. My L^d confirmed at Warwick.

7, Tu. My L^d came to Henley, preacht and confirmed there and lay at Alcester.

8, W. My L^d preacht and confirmed at Bromsgrove and came that night to Hartlebury.

14, Tu. My L^d preacht and confirmed at Kidderminster.

To the most Reverend Father in God, THOMAS, by divine Providence Ld ArchBishop of Canterbury.

May it please yor Grace—

Whereas ANTHONY JOHNSON, Clerke, M.A., is possessed of the Rectory of Hinton on the Green in the County and Diocese of Gloucester, of the real value of £40 or £50 per annum, and is p'sented to the Rectory of Sedgebarrow in the County and Diocese of Worcester, of the real value of £70 or £80 per annum, which Parishes are contiguous, and the Churches within one mile distant from each other. This may certify yor Grace that I have personal knowledge of the s^d Mr Johnson, and do hereby reco'mend him to yor Grace for a Dispensation to hold both the said Rectories. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand the 15th day of September, 1703.

W. Worcester.

[1] Translated the same year to Bath and Wells.

Sept. 16, Th. My L^{d} dined the Magistrates of Worcester at Hartlebury, and sent his coach to carry ye Mayor, &c. thither and back.

To the Right Honble Sr Nathan Wright, Ld Keeper of the Great Seal of England.

These are to certify y^{or} Lo^{p} that whereas Mr ANTONY JOHNSON, Master of Arts and Rector of Hinton upon the Green in the County and Diocese of Gloucester, is likewise p^{r}sented to the Rectory of Sedgebarrow in the County of Worcester and my Diocese, the Parishes being contiguous, and the churches but one mile distant from each other, I am willing that he hold them together, if yor Lo^{p} shall please to confirm his Dispensac'on for the same.

W. Worcester.

Sept. 15, 1703.

Ordinac'o, 19 Septemb^{r}, 1703. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in com. Wigorn. die D'nico (viz't.) decimo nono die mensis Septembris An'o D'ni Mill'imo Septugen'mo tertio per reverendum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorniensem Episcopum me p'sente ffranc'o Evans, Notario Publico, in absentia Reg'rii in hac parte sp'iale assumpto.

Diaconi. 1. THOMAS TAYLOR in paro'ia de Kidderminster in Com. Wigorn. 23 ann. natus, e Collegio Universitatis apud Oxon' Artium Baccalaureus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Enston in Com. et Dioec. Oxon. ad requisic'o'em Reverendi Patris Gulielmi Oxoniensis Ep'i, in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

2. ABRAHAM SWAN in paro'ia de Ilmington in Com. Warwicen. 24 ann. natus ex aula Albani apud Oxonienses in Jure Civili Studiosus, ad peragendum Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Ilmington praedict. in Dioeces. Wigorni intitulatus ad sacrum Diaconatûs admissus est.

3. JOHANNES BRYARS in paro'ia S'ci Martini in civitate Wigorn. 23 ann. natus ex aula Magdalenae apud Oxon. in Artibus Baccalaureus, ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia

p'o'li de Exhall in Com. Warwicensi et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

4. GULIELMUS HALL in paro'ia de Leigh in com. Wigorn. 23 ann. natus e Collegio Oriel Oxon' Artium Bacc. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia p'oli de Doverdale in com. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

5. JOHANNES NICCOLSON in paro'ia de Bamford in com. Westmorlandiae 24 ann. natus, e Collegio Reginali Oxon' Artium Baccalaureus, ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia p'o'li de Swinford Veterae in com. Wigorn. intitulat. in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri. 1. EDWARDUS IVIE in paro'ia de Wriglington in com. Somersett 25 ann. natus, ex aede Christi Oxon' Alumnus et Diaconus, in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Deacon. per Gulielmum Ep'um* 21° *Feb.* 1702.

2. JOHANNES GRIFFITHS in paro'ia de Llangeler in com. Caermarthen 27 ann. Natus, e Collegio Reginali Oxon' Artium Baccalaureus et Diaconus, ad inserviend. curae animarum eccl'iae p'o'lis de Broadway in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

1703, Tu., 21 Sept. My L^d^ preacht and confirmed at Oldswinford and went that night to Dudley.

22, W. My L^d^ preacht and confirmed at Dudley and returned that night to Hartlebury.

26, Sunday. My L^d^ preacht and confirmed at Hartlebury.

28, Tu. My L^d^ left Hartlebury and lay at Alcester.

29, Fri. My L^d^ went to Stratford and preacht and confirmed there.

30, Th. My L^d^ went to Shipston and preacht and confirmed there.

Ilmington. RIC'US ROSE paro'iae de Ilmington in com. Warwicensi a sententia Excom'unicac'o'is con. eum lata absolutus est per Re'dum Patrem D'num Ep'um (praestito prius per d'cum Ric'um Rose juramento de parendo

juri et stando mandatis Eccl'iae in o'nibus licitis et honestis).

1703, Oct. 1, Fri. My L^{d} went from Shipston to Oxford. I waited on his Lo^{p} to Euston and returned to Treddington that night.

2, Sat. I collected Treddington Rents and was at Shipston.

3, Sunday. I dined with Sr H. Parker.

7, Th. I met Mr Walker at Blockley ab^{t} Sr Wm Keyt's lease.

I continued at Worcester and Hartlebury doing my L$^{d's}$ business, &c., till 19 November.

22, M. I went to Oxford with Mr Eyre wth a P'sentac'on to Tredd^{g}ton, but my L^{d} defered his Institutc'on.

25, Th. I went from Oxon' to Honington in a dreadfull stormy day.

26, Fri. I went to Treddington and thence to Dascot, and thro' a most violent wet storme thence to Blockley, passing ye waters wth great difficulty, and that night happened the most violent storme that has been known in the memory of man [1] in this kingdom, but it did little dam'age in ye Northern parts.

1703, Novemb. 27, Sat. I went from Blockley to Shipston in a very stormy day, and going thence to Honington in the night, being dark and ye ways deep, crossing a rut, my horse fel upon me, and lay some time on my leg, endangered breaking of it, but by ye assistance of two p'sons that were on ye road I got from under him . . hurt . . . . . [2]

28, Sunday. I was at Honington. My L^{d} held an Ordinac'on at Oxford.

29, M. I went from Honington wth Mr Eyre [3] to Oxford.

[1] A most memorable storm. "The only tempest which in our latitude has equalled the rage of a tropical hurricane. No other tempest was ever in this country the occasion of a Parliamentary address, or of a public fast." "It left a dreadful recollection in the minds of all men." (Macaulay.) The Bishop of Bath and Wells and his wife were killed that night in bed by the fall of a chimney in the Palace at Wells. Untold damage was done. Eddystone lighthouse destroyed. The loss at sea awful.

[2] In cypher.

[3] Who was to be instituted to the Rectory of Treddington the next day. See p. 88.

Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Eccl'ia Paro'li S'cae Mariae Magdalenae Oxon (ad requisi'o'em re'di in XP'o Patris ac D'ni D'ni Gulielmi Oxon' Ep'i) per Re'dum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM p'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um.

Diaconi. JOSEPHUS ABELL, natus 27 ann. e Coll. Merton A.M. et Socius.

GUALTERUS GARRET, natus 23 ann. ex aula S'ci Edmundi A.B.

JOHANNES WILLIAMS, natus 25 ann. e Coll. Jesu A.M.

JOHANNES WILDER, nat. 23 ann. e Collegio Pembrocensi A.M. et Socius.

DANIEL SANXAY, 24 annos natus e Collegio Novo A.M. et Capellanus.

Nov. 28, 1703. Ordinac'o Diaconi.

JOSEPHUS LOW, 24 Ann. natus e Collegio Ænei Nasi, A Baccalaureus.

JOHANNES SHAW, 23 Ann. natus e Collegio Lincolniensi Artium Magister.

GULIELMUS SMITH, ex Aulâ Magdalenae in Artibus Bacc.

ABRAHAMUS KENT, 23 Ann. natus ex Aula Edmundi in Artibus Baccalaureus.

EDWARDUS REEKS, 23 Ann. natus ex Aula Cervin[1] in Artibus Baccalaureus.

HUGO GRIFFITH, 23 Ann. natus e Collegio Jesu Artium Baccalaureus.

JACOBUS OLDISWORTH[2], 26 Ann. natus e Collegio S'ci Joh'is Baptistae Artium Baccalaureus et Socius.

GEORGIUS SMITH[3], 26 Ann. natus e Collegio S'ci Johannis Baptistae Artium Baccalaureus et Socius.

THOMAS MILLES, 24 Ann. natus e Collegio S'ci Johannis Baptistae Artium Baccalaureus et Socius.

JOHANNES WALTER, 24 Ann. natus e Collegio Trinitatis in Artibus Baccalaureus.

[1] Hart Hall, now Hertford College.
[2] Vicar of Worminghall, Bucks, 1704.
[3] Master of King's School, Canterbury, R. of Barfreston, and Vicar of Higham, Kent.

Diaconi. NICHOLAUS FENN, 24 Ann. natus e Collegio Novo in Jure Civili Studiosus et Socius.

17. JOSEPHUS SLADE, 23 Ann. natus e Collegio Omnium Animarum in Artibus Baccalaureus.

Presbyteri. 1. JOHANNES WILLES, e Collegio Baliol. Artium Magister Socius et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Prebyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

2. THOMAS HAYWOOD[1], e Collegio S'ci Johannis Baptistae Artium Magister, Socius et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

3. CUTHBERTUS ELLISON, e Collegio Corpus Christi in Artibus Magister, Discipulus in sacrosanctum ordinem
6s. 8d. admissus est.

4. THOMAS WILKES, e Collegio Trinitatis in Artibus Magister, Socius et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

5. RIC'US RIDGE, e Collegio Novo Legum Baccalaureus Socius et Diaconus in sacrosanctum ordinem admissus est.

6. BENJAMIN HOWELL, e Collegio Jesu in Artibus Magister Socius et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs Ordinem admissus est.

7. GEORGIUS HUDSON, e Collegio Reginali Artium Magister Capellanus et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

8. GULIELMUS JEFFREYES, ex Ædc Christi Artium Magister Vicarius Choralis et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

9. SAMUEL HARTMAN, ex Ædc Christi Artium Baccalaureus Alumnus et Diaconus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est.

I was not at ye ordinac'on, and therefore want ye age and titles of many of ye Persons ordeined.

I drew a Cert. of ye ordinac'on to the ArchBishop 8 Decr. 1703, and my L^d signed it, and I delivered it.

ffra: Evans,
No : Pub.

[1] D.D., 1714; Vicar of Harrington, 1709; Vicar of Charlbury; died 1746.

19 Oct., 1703.

Pillerton and Butler's Marston. ROB'TUS GIFFITH, Diaconus licentiatus est per m'rum Cancellar. ad peragend. Diaconi Officium in Eccl'iis p'd. die et An'o p'd.

23 Oct., 1703.

Alcester Schola. JOHANNES GIBBONS, licentiatus est ad exercend. officium Ludim'ri in publica schola de Alcester die et Anno p'dt.

30 Nov., 1703.

Treddington R. Neg^{m} admissionis et Institutionis Mag'ri FFRANCISCI EYRE Clerici Legum Bacc. ad et in Rectoriam Eccl'iae Paro'lis de Treddington cum Capellis de Shipston super Stower et Tidmington annex. in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. vacan. per mortem n'ralem Roberti Morse Cl'ici ult'i R'ctoris et Incumbentis ibidem. Tricesimo die Novembris An'o D'ni 1703 Coram Re'do in XP'o Patre ac D'no D'no Willielmo p'ne Di'a Wigorn. Ep'o in Ædibus suis apud Civitatem Oxon' judicial'r seden. in p'ntia mei ffranc'i Evans notarii Pub'ci (in absentia Reg'rii) in hac p'te sp'ial'ri assumpti Comparuit personaliter M^{r} ffranc'us Eyre Presbtyer et Legum Baccalaureus et exhibuit literas P'sentac'o'is de Persona sua ad et in R'c'oriam Eccl'iae Paro'lis de Treddington in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. modo per mortem n'ralem Mag'ri Roberti Morse cl'ici ultimi Rectoris et Incumbentis ibidem vacan. geren. dat 20° die Julii ultimo p^{r}teriti sub manibus et sigillis Honorabilis viri Johannis Verney Armigeri et Venerabilis viri Ric'i Freeman Ar. verorum et indubitatorum ejusdem Rectoriae et Eccl'iae Paro'lis de Treddington praedict. (ut asseritur) Pleno Jure Patronorum seq. vigore earund. ad et in Rectoriam et Eccl'iam Paro'lem p'd'c'am admitti, atq. Rectorem ejusd. ac in et de ea^{d} cum suis Juribus membris et pertinentiis Institui et investiri humil'r petiit, et obtulit se promptum et paratum ad subeund. quaecu'q. Juramenta de jure requisita et ad subscribend. de jure subscribenda, et praestandam quamcuq. cauc'o'em et alia quaecu'q. de jure statuta et in simil. usitat.

Unde D'nus Ep'us anted'cus ad petic'o'em de'i ffranci' Eyre (p'stitis prius per eum Juramentis allegiantiae, supremitatis, simoniae, ac canonicae obedientiae, subscriptisq. per eum de Jure in hac p'te subscribendis, p'stitaq. per eum Cauc'one usitatâ) eundem ffranc'um Eyre Cl'icum in Rectoriam et Eccl'iam p'o'lem de Treddington p'dict. admissit ipsumq. Rectorem ejus[d] ac in et de ead. cu' suis juribus membris p'tinentiis universis justituit et investivit.

Quo facto dictus ffranc'us Eyre cl'icus o'nibus melioribus et officioribus via modo et juris forma necnon ad omnem quemcuq. juris effectum quibus melius et efficatius de Jure poluit dixit allegavit et protestatus est quod licet Ipse ad P'sentac'o'em d'corum Joh'is Verney et Ric'i Freeman Patronorum p'd'c'orum l'time admissus et Institutus fuerit ad et in R'c'orium et Eccl'iam Paro'lem de Treddington p'dict. cum suis Juribus membris et pertinentiis universis, nec quicquam (quod scit) comiserit aut omiserit propter quod dicta Rectoria sive Eccl'ia de jure vel facto vacare, aut de persona sua vacua declarari debeat, Ipse tamen ffranciscus Eyre ex superabundanti exhibuit D'no D'co Ep'o Literas P'sentac'onis Regias Magno sigillo Angliae sigillatas et geren. dat undecimo die angusti ultimo p'teriti ipsius ffranc'i Eyre ad eand. Rectoriam et Eccl'iam Paro'lem de Treddington p'dict. ab Illustrissima D'na n'ra Regina imper obtent., ne forte, aliqua rac'one sibi incognita, dicta Rectoria vacet aut vacare debuisset, sicq. vacans aut vacare debens ad suae majestatis p'sentac'o'em per lapsum temporis, pravitat. simon. aut alio quocu'q. modo spectare posset, et virtute earund. literarum P'sentac'onis sui ipsius ad Rectoriam et Eccl'am p'o'lem de Treddington p'dict' denuo petiit se a dicto Reverendo Patre admitti et in eand. Rectoriam et Eccl'iam p'o'lem p[r]dict. cum suis juribus membris et p'tinen' universis Institui et investiri ac d'ci aut d'ci mandari, tamen non eo animo aut intentione quod resignare, redere, amittere, deserere aut renunciare velit priori juri titulo admissioni et Institue'oni suis in ead. prius obtent., de quibus in contrarium expresse protestatus est, sed solum ad majorem suam, tituliq. sui securitatem et cautelam, melioratione m status sui in ead., ac ad titulum suum cumuland. ac (si opus fuerit) hac ratione corroborand., et non aliter neq. alio modo aut ad aliud effectum. Quam quid. Allegationem et protestac'o'em Idem ffranc'us Eyre petiit quatenus in Rei gestae memoriam, inter Acta publica D'c'i D'ni Episcopi per authenticam Personam

redigentur. Unde D'nus Ep'us antedictus eidem petic'oni annuit et decrevit prout Idem ffranc'us Eyre decerni petiit et incontinenti admissit eundem ffranc'um Eyre ad Rectoriam et Eccl'iam p'o'lem de Treddington praedict' per lapsum temporis, simoniacam pravitatem vel alio quocuq. modo vacantem vigore Literarum p'sentac'o'is p'dict. a Dom^a n'ra' D'na Anna Dei gra'a nunc Angliae etc. Regina nuper obtent', Ipsumq. Rectorem ejusd. R'c'oriae, ac in et de ead. (p'stitis prius per eundem ffranc'um Eyre Juramentis allegiantiae supremitatis, simoniae et Canonicae obedientiae, subscriptisq. per eum denuo subscribendis, p'stitaq. per eum Cauc'one usitata) cum suis Juribus Membris et pertinentiis universis Instituit et Investivit, Curamq. et Regimen animarum Paro'ianorum ibidem sibi in D'no com'isit (Juribus Ep'alibus etc. semper salvis).

Et scriptum est ven'li Joh'i Price Vicario Generali necnon o'nibus R'c'oribus Vicariis, etc., pro Inducc'one ipsius ffranc'i Eyre in poss'ionem, etc.

Tenor mandati pro Inducc'oe

WILLIELMUS per'ne divina Wigorn. Ep'us Dilecto nobis in XP'o ven'li Joh'i Price cl'ico Legum Baccalauro vicario n'ro Gen'li et off'c'li Principali l'time constitut. necnon o'nibus Rectoribus Vicariis Capellanis Curatis et Cl'icis quibuscuq. in et per totam Dioeces. n'ram Wigorn. ubil'et constitutis salutem. Cum nos dilectum neobis in XP'o ffranc'um Eyre Cl'icum Legum Baccalaur. ad Rectoriam et Eccl'iam Paro'lem de Treddington in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. per mortem n'ralem Roberti Morse clerici ultimi Rectoris et Incumbentis ibidem vacantem ad p^rsentac'o'em Honorabilis viri Johnannis Verney Armigeri et ven'lis viri Ric'i Freeman Ar. veroru. et indubitatoru. ejusd. Rectoriae et Eccl'iae p'o'lis de Treddington p'dict' (ut asseritur) pleno jure Patronoru. ac etiam eundem ffranc'um Eyre Cl'cum ad eand. Rect'riam et Eccl'iam paro'lem de Treddington p'dict., ad p'sentac'onem Illustrissimae in XP'o Principis ac D'nae n'rae Annae Dei Gra'a Angliae Scotiae ffranciae et Hiberniae Reginae, etc., pro Corroborac'one tituli sui in eand. admiserimus, ipsumq. Rectorem ejusd. Rectoriae et Eccl'iae Paro'lis de Treddington p'dict. ac in et de ead. cum suis Juribus membris et p'tinentiis universis rite et Canonice Instituerimus et Investiverimus uti per alias Literas n'ras Patentes sibi inde factas plenius liquet et apparet, vobis ig^r con^m et Div^m com'ittimus, etc.

2 Dec., 1703.

R. North Piddle. SALWEY NASH, Cl'icus, Artium Magister admissus est in eand. Rectoriam (per m'rum Cancellar.) per mortem ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'o'e.

22 Dec., 1703.

R. Birts Morton. ÆGIDIUS NANFAN, Cl'icus, A.B., admissus est in eand. R'c'oriam (a m'ro Cancellario) per mortem ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'o'e.

6 Jan., 1703, Juxta, etc.

V. Clavendon. JOH'ES ALLISON, Cl', A.B., admissus est in eand. Vicariam (a m'ro Cancellario) per mortem ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'one Ven'lis Joh'is Fleetwood Archi'ni Wigorn. dc'ae vicariae pleno Jure Patroni.

29 Jan., 1703, Juxta, etc.

R. Maddersfield al's Maddresfield c'u Cleavelode annex. JOH'ES PORTMAN, Cl'icus, A.M., admissus est in eand. R'c'oriam (a m'ro Cancellario) per mortem ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'o'e Gulielmi Liggan Ar. dc'ae R'c'oriae pleno Jure (ut asseritur) patroni.

1703, December 1, W. My L^d^ left Oxford and I went wth him and lay at Wickham.

2, Th. Wee got to London and continued there till Munday 28 February.

A copy of a Testimonial wth my L^d's^ cert. to the Ld Keeper to confirm Mr Portman's Dispensac'on to hold the Rectory of Leigh wth the Rectory of Mathersfield in the County and Diocese of Worcester.

To the R^t^ Honble Sr Nathan Wright, Kn^t^, Ld Keeper of the Great Seal of England.

Whereas JOHN PORTMAN, Clerk, M^r^ of Arts, formerly of Exeter Colledge in Oxford and now Rector of Leigh in the County and Diocese of Worcester, of the real yearly value of £60 or thereab^ts^, is now p'sented by Wm Liggan, Esqre to the Rectory of Maddresfield

in the s^d^ County and Diocese of the like yearly value of ab^t^ £60 and the Churches not above 3 reputed miles distant, and the Parishes adjoyning stands in need of a Dispensac'on to hold both the said Rectoryes.

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed do humbly certify yor Lo^p^ that the said John Portman is a learned and orthodox Person, pious and exemplary in his conversac'on, and very well qualified for all lawful favour, and we do verily believe the real yearly values and distances of the said Rectories to be as is above set forth. In witness whereof wee have hereunto set our hands and seales this 21st day of Dec^r^, A.D. 1703.

It was under ye hands and seales of Dr Jephcot, Mr Stillingfleet, and other Prebends and Minis^rs^ of Worc^r^.

My L^d^ underwrit it thus

I do believe all these things here certified to be true, as wel w^t^ is s^d^ of the Person, as of the 2 Parishes and Churches.

W. Worcester.

6 Jan., 170¾.

Stratford super Avonam. A return of a writ to discharge First fruits on ye death of the Incumbent.

Honorabilibus et Egregiis viris Baronibus Scacc'ii Illustrissimae in XP'o Principis ac D'nae n'rae Annae Dei gra'a Angliae Scotiae ffranciae et Hiberniae Reginae, fidei defensor. etc., WILLIELMUS per'ne Di'na Wigorn. Ep'us Salutem in D'no sempiternam. Honoribus v'ris Di'a harum serie innotescimus et significamus Quod deligenti indagine ac Inquisic'one per Nos in hac p'te facta et ex Testimonio Fidedigno Comperimus et invenimus Quod Johannes Jackson Cl'icus nuper Vacarius Eccl'iae p'olis de Stratford super Avonam in com. Warwicen. n'raeq. Wigorn. Dioc. in breve dc'ae D'nae Reginae hiis p'sentibus annex nominat. ab hac luce migravit secundo die Octobris A'no D'ni 1702° aut eo circiter, Quodq. d'ca Vicaria p'x. ante p'sentac'o'em p'fati Johannis Jackson ad eand. fact. et obtent. vacare contingebat per Resignac'o'em Johannis Ovington ult'i Incumbentis ibidem fact. et admis' 13° die Decembris A'no D'ni 1701° aut eo circiter, et sic mandatum Regium,

quantum in nobis est fideliter sumus executi. In Cujus rei testimonium sigillum n'rum Episcopale p'sentibus apponi fecimus. Dat decimo Septimio die mensis Januarii Anno Regni D'cae D'nae Reginae nunc Angliae, etc., secundo annoq. D'ni (juxta, etc.) 1703° uraeq. Translac'onis in Ep'atum Wigorn. A'no Quinto.

Note that any clergyman dying within six months from ye p'cedent avoidance is to be discharged from First fruits, and wth in 12 months his exo^r payes but 1 paym^t, If he dyes wth in 18 months the exo^r is discharged of half, and if he dyes wth in 2 y^rs from ye last avoidance ye exo^r is discharged of ye 4th paym^t.

Treddington. The like return was made on the death of Mr Morse, Rector of Treddington.

Honorabilibus et Egregiis viris, etc., comperimus et invenimus Quod Robertus Morse Cl'icus nuper Rector Eccl'iae p'o'lis de Treddington in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. in breve D'cae D'nae Reginae hiis p'sentibus annex no'iat. ab hac luce migravit Prius die Julii Anno D'ni 1703°, aut eo circiter, Quodq. d'c'a R'c'orea p'x. ante p'sentac'o'em p'fati Roberti Morse ad eand. fact. et obtent. vacare contingebat per mortem Johannis Kerie Cl'ici vicesimo sexto die Julii An'o D'ni 1701° aut eo cirtiter. Et sic mandat. Regium, etc. Dat 17° Die Januarii An'o Regni D'cae D'nae Reginae nunc Angliae, etc., secundo Anoq. D'ni 1703°, juxta, etc.

Here foll^s a copy of my Ld Treasurer's letter about xs.

My L^d,

Whereas Her Maj^ty[1] has been pleased to sign a Warr^t for the passing a Privy Seal to authorise me to discharge the arrears of tenths due upon small Rectoryes and Vicarages under the restrictions and qualifications following, that is to say, where it shall appear by Certificate of the Bishops of ye respective Dioceses that such Rectoryes or Vicarages are of small value, not exceeding thirty pounds per Annum by the most improved valuations of the

[1] Q. Anne's Bounty to the clergy.

same, and that divers years arrears of tenths are incured thereupon, and that the Ministers that serve the Cures may in respect of their poverty be true objects of Her Ma$^{tye's}$ Royal Compassion, and likewise that Care should be taken where such discharges are made that the respective Churches be 1st filled with Instituc'on and Inducc'on. To the end therefore that the p'sent Incumbents of the said small Rectoryes and Vicarages may have the effect of Her Ma$^{tie's}$ gratious intention towards them, I do hereby desire yor Lo^{p} will please to transmit to me a Certificate of w^{t} is due and owing to Her Ma^{ty} from such poor Rectoryes or Vicarages as aforesaid wthin yor Diocese. And I doe on Her Ma$^{tie's}$ behalf earnestly recom'end it to yor Lo^{p} to take care that no new arrears be suffered to incur on the same for the time to come.

My Ld Bishop's answer to my Ld Treasurer's letter.

To the Right Honble The Ld Godolphin [1], Ld Treasurer of England.

2 Feb., 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

My L^{d},

In obedience to yor Lo$^{p's}$ com'ands in yor letter of the first of July last I doe hereby certify yor Lo^{p} that the Rectoryes, Vicarages and Chapelries hereafter mencioned are of small value, not exceeding thirty pounds per Annum by the most improved valuac'ons of the same, to the best of my Informac'on, and that the Ministers that serve the Cure of those Churches may, as I believe in respect of their poverty, be true objects of Her Ma$^{tie's}$ Royal Compassion, I doe also certify that where Vicarages are above ten pounds yearly value in the Queen's Books, and under thirty pounds improved value, I do not know that I can get any one to take Instituc'on to such, by reason of the charge and trouble of First-fruits wch they are lyable to pay im'ediately upon Instituc'on. But whereas yor Lo^{p} has been pleased to demand w^{t} arrears are due and owing from these poor Rectoryes and Vicarages to Her Ma^{ty} in arrear of tenths, I know not how to answer it, because I have only a generall charge of the totall sume of arrears from the Auditor, and have not been able to obtain it in particular,

[1] "The silentest and most modestest man that was perhaps ever bred in a Court." (Burnet.) A favourite during three reigns. Charles II. said of him that he was "never in the way, and never out of the way." Buried in Westminster Abbey.

wch has been the reason of my not answering yor Lo^p's com'and sooner. I will use my endeavor that these Churches and Chapells may not be in arrear of tenths to her Ma^ty for the time to come, tho' it will not be easy to make the Incumbents pay tenths as they growe due from Livings under thirty pounds a year that do also pay the Land tax to Her M^ty.

But as to the tenths of Dissolved Hospitalls and Chantryes, I cannot tell where to levy them.

IN WARWICKSHIRE.

In Kington Deanery.

Aldermarston Vicarage.
Alveston Vicarage. Worth near £60 as since appears.
No Institu'on. Charlcot Vicarage.
Kington Vicarage.
Loxley Vicarage.
No Institu'on. { Marston Butler's Vicarage.
Pillerdington Vicarage.
Shipston Vicarage. }
Treddington Chantrey dissolved.
Wasperton Vicarage.

In Warwick Deanery.

Bidford Vicarage.
Coughton Vicarage.
ffulbrook Chapell. No such building nor any maintenance for a minister.
Guycliffe Chantry Chapell dissolved.
No Institu'on. { Haselor Vicarage.
Studley Vicarage. }
Salford Vicarage.
Hospitall of St John's in Warwick dissolved.

IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

In Pershore Deanery.

Bishampton Chantry Dissolved.
No Institu'on. Elmley Castle Vicarage.
Upton Snodsbury Vicarage.
Ripple Chantry Dissolved.

These following were Chapells belonging to the Monastery of Pershore, and before the dissoluc'on were com'only served by the Monks there, and are now served by Curates.

No Instituc'on.
- Bestford Chapell.
- Bricklehampton Chapell.
- Defford Chapell.
- Pinvin Chapell.
- Wick Chapell.

In Powick Deanery.

Checkenhull Vicarage. There is no Church, no Parish, nor Vicarage of y^{t} name; there was a Chantry of that name in the P^{r}ish of Leigh wch was appropriated to ye Monastery of Pershore, and long since dissolved.

Malvern Magna Vicarage.

In Evesham Deanery.

All Saints in Evesham Rectory.
Bretforton Vicarage.
Broadway Vicarage.
Church Honibourne Vicarage.

These foll: were Chapells belonging to the Monastery of Evesham, and before the Dissoluc'on were com'only served by ye Monks there, and are now served by Curates:—

No Instituc'on.
- Badsey Chapell.
- Bengeworth Vicarage.
- Hampton Magna Chapell.
- St. Lawrence in Evesham Chapell.
- Middle Littleton Chapell.
- South Littleton Chapell.
- Uffenham Chapell.
- Wickamford Chapell.

In Wych Deanery.

St Andrew's Rectory.

No Instituc'on. St Nicholas' Rectory, the Church down, no Incumbent, nor any Maintenance for one.

I humbly take leave
My L^{d},
Yo^{r} Lo$^{p's}$ most obedient Servt,
W. Worcester.

Ordinac'o 20 Feb^{r} 170$\frac{3}{4}$ Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Capella Regia apud Whitehall Die D'nico vicesimo (viz't.) die mensis Februarii Anno D'ni (stylo Angliae) mill'imo Septingen'mo tertio (Licentiâ reve'ndi Patris Ep'i Londinensis in hac parte prius obtenta) per red'um in XP'o Patrem ac D'um D'um Willielmum per'ne Dia' Wigorn. Ep'um, me p^{r}sente ffranc'o Evans Notario Pub'co.

Diaconus. SETHUS EYRE in p'oia S'ci Thomae in Civitate Sarum 23 Annos natus, e Collegio Magdalen, Oxon' in Artibus Magister et semi Com'uniarius in sacrum Diaconatûs Ordinem admissus est.

Feb. 28, M. My L^{d} left London and I attended him, and lay at Wickham.

29, Tu. Wee came to Oxford.

Oxon', 2° Martii, 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

Sedgebarrow R. ANTONIUS JOHNSON, Cl'icus in Artibus Magister in Rectoriam de Sedgbarrow in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. per spontaneam Resignac'o'em Ric'i Smith Cl'ici ult'i R'c'oris et Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p^{r}sentac'one ven'liu. Decani et Capituli Eccl'iae Cath'lis Christi Wigorn. de'ae R'c'oric et Eccl'iae (ut asseritur) pleno jure Patronor. admissus et Institutus est die et A'no p^{r}d.

Et scriptum est ven'li Joh'i Fleetwood Cl'ico, M.A., ejusve offi'li, aut alii cuiscuq. p'tatem h'enti pro Induce'o'e d'ci Antonii Johnson in poss'ionem d'cae R'c'oric etc.

A copy of my L$^{d's}$ letter to Mr. Vernon, Rector of Redmil in Leicestershire, who has my Ld Rutland's[1] P^{r}sentac'on to the Vicarage of Pillerton in Warwickshire, and holds it only by a Sequestration.

Oxford, 170$\frac{3}{4}$, Mar. 6.

S^{r},

At my Visitac'on at Stratford in July, 1702, appeared no Curate for Pillerton. But the day after there came to me one that called himself Thomas Woodcock, and shewed me Deacon's orders to one of that name, telling me that you had hired him in Leicesterss for the serving of that Cure. But having had an account of him from several of that neighborhood, that he was an idle drunken fellow, company for any Tinker or Cratcarier[2], and particularly that at

[1] 10th Earl and 1st Duke. [2] Possibly crate carrier, but (?).

Easter last he was drunk 4 days in Passion Week, and 4 days again in Easter Week; which charge he could not answer, I therefore forbade him serving any Cure in my Diocese.

Since that time Pillerton has been served by Mr Geo. Edwards, and after him by Mr Gryffith, both of them put in by yor friend Mr Fancourt, who gave them their board for helping them in his schoole, that they might the better live upon yor allowance of £20 a year.

But that allowance of yours has not been fully paid to either of them. The arrear that they charge you with you will see in the enclosed. There is also a charge upon you from the Eccl'icall Cort for yor neglects of yor duty in that place.

And all this while you hold the place only by sequestration from that Eccl'icall Cort.

What shall I do with such a riddle of a man as you are? Shall I recall the sequestrac'on? Then all this debt is lost to the Parties concerned, and you are cut off from that help of livelihood that yor friends intended you in this place. But if I continue it, I know not how to answer it to God. For either the Cure of Souls will be unsupplied; or they that supply it will be cheated of their salary, as those poor men have been, by yor supine negligence, minding nothing but yor humor and yor Lusts. I beseech God to mend it for yor soul's sake.

The only way I can think of to remedy this, will be to write to my Ld Granby[1], to beg of him that he will accept of the sequestration to his Steward, yt may both pay off this Bill, and make a Provision for the supplying of the Cure, till such time as his Lop shall think fit to prsent one to be instituted to the Vicarage.

This I have determined to do within a month of this prsent, that wee may be at a certainty for the serving of ye Cure at Easter next; unless you will within that time either pay or secure the Debt in this paper, and thereby gain credit enough to be trusted for the farther serving of ye Cure.

I pity yor poor wife and children, but much more yorself, to whom God has given good gifts for better purposes than you apply them to.

I am, Sr,

Yor Friend and Servt in Christ,

W. Worcester.

[1] Second D. of Rutland, md a d. of the patriot William, Lord Russell.

I understand that the Vicarage house in wch the Incumbent always lived is now run out of repair, and is like to fall if there be not something done to prvent it. If you would have yor sequestration continued, I shall expect that you will first put the house in as good repair as it was when Mr Mettershead dyed, or rather better, and keep it so every yeer while you hold the sequestrac'on.

To the Reverend Mr Edward Vernon, Rector of Redmile, neer Belvoir Castle in Leicestershire.

170$\frac{8}{4}$.

Mar. 9, Th. I left my Ld and his Family at Oxford and lay at Shipston.

[Another long tour, sleeping in a different bed almost every night until May 5th, when he returned to Oxford.]

May 18, Th. My Ld and his Family left Oxford and wee lay that night at Banbury.

19, Fri. My Ld preached and confirmed at Kington, and lay at Ld Willoughby's.

20, Sat. My Ld went to Warwick.

My Father Docksey dyed at Snelston.

21, Sunday. My Ld preacht and confirmed at Warwick.

22, M. The Bp of Oxford being Dean of Worcester met my Ld at Warwick to visit the Hospitall.

May 23, Tu. At Warwick.

24, W. My Ld went to Sr John Burgoigne's[1].

25, Th. Ascension Day. My Ld went from Sr John's and consecrated Marston Chapell in the Parish of Yardley. Mr Richd Banner preacht. My Ld Digby[2], Sr Charles Holt, and many Persons of quality attended the Solemnity.

In the afternoon my Ld consecrated the Chapel yard and went that night to Solyhull, and lay at Dr Isham's[3].

[1] Married one of the Lucys of Charlecote.

[2] Baron Digby of Gaeshill, in the King's Co., one of the founders of S.P.G.

[3] Zacchæus Isham, D.D., son of the Rector of Barby, Northamptonshire; Canon of S. Paul's, 1686; Canon of Canterbury, 1691; R. of Solihull, 1701; d. 1705.

May 26, Fri. My L[d] came from Solyhull to Alvechurch and confirmed there and came in the evening to Hartlebury.

27, Sat. I had an acc[t] of my Father Docksey's[1] death, who dyed on Saturday, y[e] 20th about 4 of y[e] clock, and was inter'd near my wife in the little Chancell at Snelston, on Wedn'sday the 24th.

28, Sunday. At Hartlebury.

Kinwarton and Auln. Jo[n] POUNTNEY, Cl., M.A., was licensed Curate there by M[r] Chanc[r] 4 Feb., 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

S[t] Michael's in Bedwardine. Jo[n] JOHNSON was licensed to teach English and write, 17 April, 1704.

23 May, 1704.

Stratford upon Avon. *2s. 6d.* JOHN ELLES subscribed before my L[d] at Warwick in order to teach children to read and write at Stratford upon Avon, and took y[e] oathes.

25 May, 1704.

Marston Chapell. RICHARD BANNER, M.A., subscribed and took the oathes in order to be admitted and licensed to preach and perform all other Divine Officies in the Chapell of Marston in the Parish of Yardley, County and Diocese of Worcester.

Ordinac'o 11 June, 1704. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Ecclesia paro'li de Hartlebury in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. Festo divi Trin. Trinitatis (viz't) undecimo die mensis Junii A'no D'ni 1704° per re'dum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne divina Wigorn. Ep'um me p'nte ffrancisco Evans, Notario Pub'co.

Diaconus. THOMAS WALL in paro'ia de Rouse Lench in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. 23 annos natus, ex] Aula Magdalenae Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaureus, ad peragendum Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'lia de Rouse Lench pr'dict. intitulatus, in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri. SAMUEL BARON paro'iae de Hanley Castle in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. 26 annos natus e Collegio Baliol. Oxon' Artium Magister et Diaconus ad exercendi officium Curati

[1] He was Lord of the Manor of Snelston.

in Eccl'ia p'o'li de Uffenham in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Ep'um Oxoniensem Festo Trin.* 1702°.

RIC'US BANNER in oppido de Birmingham in Com. Warwicen. 25 annos natus, e collegio Universitatis Oxon' in Artibus Magister et Diaconus ad Capellam de Marston paro'ia de Yardley in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

Ita testor,

ffra. Evans,

No^rius^ Pub^cus^.

These persons offered themselves to be ordeined, and were refused.

1. Gyles, Schoolm^r^ of Great Witley, desired to be admitted into Deacon's orders, but was refused for insufficiency.
2. John Slater of the Parish of Shifnall in the Diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, B.A. of Brazen Nose Colledge in Oxford, had no letters Dimissory from ye B'p of his Diocese.

1704, June 12, M. I was at Grimley ab^t^ corn-rents.
13, Tu. At Hartlebury.
14, W. I went to Worc^r^ and Evesham.
15, Th. I went to Blockley and thence to Sr Rob. Atkins, and in the evening to Withington.
16 Fri. I came to Mr Dowdswel's of Forthampton, and lay at Upton on Severne.
17, Sat. I came to Worcester and at night to Hartlebury.
18, Sun. At Hartlebury.
19, M. I waited on my L^d^ to Alve Church.
20, Tu. Wee went to Warwick to visit ye Hospitall.
21, W. At Warwick.
22, Th. Wee came to Alve Church.
23, Fri. I went from Alve Church to Alcester and back, and we returned to Hartlebury that night.
24, Sat. At Hartlebury till
30, Fri.

26 June, 1704.

R. Doverdale. JONATHAN NEWEY, Cl'icus in Artibus Baccalaureus in Rectoriam de Doverdale in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. per mortem n'ralem Joh'is Best, Cl'ici ultimi Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'one Tho'ae Egginton d'cae R'c'oriae pleno Jure (ut asseritur) Patroni admissus est.

Et scriptum est ArchiDiacono Wigorn. pro Inducc'one d'ci Jonathan Newey in poss. etc.

Mr. Newey being Curate of Kinvar, in the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, where he is obliged to residence, my L^{d} B^{p} enjoyned him to allow ye p'sent Curate of Doverdale, Mr Wm Hall, and the succeeding Curates £24 a year salary for serving the Cure of Doverdale whilst ye s^{d} Mr Newey holds that Rectory wth ye Cure of Kinvar, the Chanc^{r}, Mr. Price, and ye Deputy Reg^{r}, Mr Oliver, being p'sent in Hartlebury Castle at ye time of ye s^{d} Mr Newey's Instituc'on.

27 June, 1704.

Witley Magna. JOH'ES GYLES licenciatus est Ludi'magister ib'm per D'num Cancellar.

28 June, 1704.

Berrow. ROBERTUS THORNTON. Cl. A.M. admissus est ad inserviend. Curae Animarum Eccl'iae de Berrow per D'um Cancellar.

29 June, 1704.

Rushock Cur' Chadsley Corbet Schola. SAMUEL CASSON, Cl., A.M. admissus est ad inserviend. Curae Animar. Eccl'iae p'o'lis de Rushock per D'um Cancellar. et etiam ad exercend. Offic. Ludim'ri in libera schola de Chadsley Corbet.

1704, July 1, Sat. I was at Worcester.
7, F. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Kedderminster.
8, Sat. I was at Worcester.
10, M. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Droytwych.
11, Tu. I was at Worcester at the Q^{r} Sessions.
16, S. My L^{d} confirmed at Hartlebury.

July 18, Tu. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Oldswinford and went to Dudley.

19, W. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Dudley and returned y^{t} night to Hartlebury. I went to Newport from Dudley.

20, Th. I went to Wybunbury.

21, F. I went thence to Eccleshall.

22, Sat. I returned as far as the New Inn.

23, S. I got to Hartlebury before Morning Prayer.

24, M. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Bromsgrove.

26, W. I was at private Co^{rts} at Grimley and Hallow.

27 July, 1704.

Kedderminster. JOHN STEWARD subscribed and took ye Oathes before my L^{d} in order to qualify himself to teach children to read English in the town of Kedderminster.

27, Th. My L^{d} went from Hartlebury to Worcester and sat in the Consistory to hear causes.

Belbroughton. W^{m} PEN was licensed to teach school in the Parish of Belbroughton by Mr Chancellor.

28, Fri. My L^{d} confirmed for the Countrey in the choir at Worcester.

30, S. My L^{d} confirmed in the afternoon in the choir at Worc^{r}.

1704, Jul. 29.

A copy of an order wch my L^{d} sent to the Rector of Upton[1] upon Seaverne to publish in his Church.

I am required by the B^{p} to give you notice that his Lo^{p} intends to preach and confirm in this Church on Tuesday next.

I am likewise to informe you that his Lo^{p} having heard that some of the Anabaptists in this Part of his Diocese have made offers or demands of a publick dispute or Conference wth the Ministers of the Church of England concerning the Reasons of theire separation wch by the Canons of our Church none of us that are Min^{rs} can undertake without leave from the Bishop.

Therefore to the end that our declining such disputes may not give occasion to any of our Adversaryes to boast of any such offers

[1] Richard Smith, Preb. of Bristol;—for this incident see *Records of Upton*, by Mrs. Lawson.

they have made, his Lo^p has ord^ed me to declare that if any of that sect of the Anabaptists or any other of the Separatists from our Church desires to be heard w^t he has to say either to justify his separation or to object ag^t the Doctrine or Discipline or Worship of God in our Church, He shall be fully heard and also answered by our Ministers in this place either on Tuesday next between 4 and 6 in the afternoon, or on Wedn'sday next between 8 and 11 in the morning, and my L^d B^p will be p^rsent himself to see that everything shall be done with all possible fairness to the Separatists, and that they likewise keeping themselves within the bounds of a fair dispute without any reflexions, shall not suffer for anything that they shall say on the heads above mentioned.

The like order was sent to the R^r of Seaverne Stoke and to the Vicar of Hanley Castle.

The like order was sent to the Minister of Parshore, and Thursday in the afternoon appointed to be in that Church.

July 31, M. My L^d treated the Mayor and Aldermen at dinner in ye Palace [1].

Aug. 1, Tu. My L^d went from Worcester to Upton and preacht and confirmed there Aug. 2.

2, W. My L^d dined at Strensham wth S^r Fr. Russell and lay there.

3, Th. My L^d preacht and confirmed at Parshore and went to Evesham.

No Dissenters appeared to his L^p either at Upton or Parshore.

4, F. My L^d preacht and confirmed at Evesham and returned to Worcester.

5, Sat. My L^d heard the Governors of Stourbridge school. Stur-bridge school. Four of them named John Underhill, Cl., M.A. of Pembroke Coll. in Oxford, to be their schoolm^r. The other 4 named Edward Abbot, Cl., M.A. of Bennett Colledge in Cambridge.

His L^p examined both Publicly.

Aug. 6, Sunday. My L^d preacht at Worcester.

7, M. My L^d went to Alcester, preacht and confirmed there.

[1] They had venison from Hartlebury Park. See end of Diary.

Aug. 8, Tu. My L^{d} went to Henley, preacht and confirmed there, and met the B^{p} of Oxford, Dean of Worc^{r}, at the Hospital in Warwick to proceed in the Visitac'on.

9, W. They Deprived 2 of the Brethren and adj^{d} the Visitac'on to Tuesday Novr next.

10, Th. My L^{d} went to Stratford and preacht there.

11, Fri. My L^{d} preacht and confirmed at Shipston.

12, Sat. My L^{d} went to Oxford.

Whichford. ROBERT HILL, M.A., subscribed and tooke the oathes before my L^{d} at Shipston, in order to be Licensed to exercise the office of a Deacon in the Church of Whichford, in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester.

rec'd my own Fees 5*s.*
Mr Chanc$^{r's}$ 4*s.* 10*d.*

7° Aug. 1704.

Abbots Moreton. THOMAS WALL licentiatus est ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia p'oli de Abbots Moreton in com. Wigorn.

Aug. 17, Th. I left my L^{d} at Oxford and came to Blockley.

18, F. I came to Evesham.

19, Sat. I came to Worcester and went that night to Hartlebury.

21, M. I was at Worc^{r} assizes.

24, Th. I went to Salop.

[In Wales till Sept. 23.]

Sept. 24, S. I was at Hartlebury. My L^{d} ordeined at Oxford.

[At Hartlebury. Worcester, &c., till Nov. 10.]

Nov. 10, F. I went from Blockley to Oxford.

13, M. I went by coach to Wickham to attend Sr Hen^{r} Parker's tryal ab^{t} Tredington Farm.

14, Tu. To London.

15, W. My L^{d} came to London with all his Family from Oxford, where his Lo^{p} had resided three months.

I continued with my L^{d} in Brewers[1] Street from 15 Nov. til 8 Jan., 170$\frac{4}{5}$.

My Lady had a stroke of the Palsy at Oxford in August[2], and my L^{d} was forced to leave her to wait on the Queen at Windsor with an address to her Ma^{ty}.

Sept. 11, M. My L^{d} lay at Henley.

12, Tu. Waited on the Queen at Windsor and had an hour and half's audience, and her Ma^{ty} was pleased to bespeak a dinner for his Lo^{p}, and he returned y^{t} night by Torch light to Maidenhead.

13, W. My L^{d} returned to Oxford.

Ordinac'o 24 Sept. 1704. Mich. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Eccl'ia Paro'li Sc'ae Mariae Magdalenae in Civitate Oxon' (Licentia re'di Patris Ep'i Oxoniensis in ea parte prius obtenta) per reverendum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um die D'nico post Jejuniu. quatuor tempor. 24° (viz't) die mensis September, 1704.

Diaconi. 1. JOHANNES PIERCE in paro'ia de Hales Owen 23 Annos natus e Collegio Universitatis Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaureus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia de Elmley Lovet intitulatus in Sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

2. THOMAS WHITE paro'iae de Alcester in Com. Warwicen. et Dioec' Wigorn. 23 Annos natus ex aula novi Hospitii apud Oxoniensis in Artibus Baccalaureus, ad peregend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Alcester p'dict. intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

Presbyteri. 1. PRIDEAUX SUTTON in paro'ia Sc'ae Helenae in oppido Abingdon in com. Berks 26 Annos natus, e collegio Baliol Oxon' Artium Magister et Diaconus, ad vicariam de Elmeley Castle in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est.

2. ABRAHAMUS SWAN paro'iae de Ilmington in comitatu War-

[1] Brewers St., Soho, then a fashionable part of London. See Introduction.

[2] She survived the Bishop two years, and died 18 Sept., 1719.

wicensi 26 Annos natus, ex aula S'ci Albani apud Oxonienses in Jure Civili Studiosus et Diaconus ad inserviend. curae Animarum Eccl'iae paro'lis de Ilmington p'dict. intitulatus, ad sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est.

1704, October 13°.

1704.

R. S^ci Nicholai in Civitate Wigorn. JOHANNES PEARKS, Cl'icus in Artibus Magister Collatus fuit in Rectoriam S'ci Nicholai in Civitate Wigorniae per mortem nr'alem Thomae Cook, Cl'ici, ultimi Rectoris et Incumbentis ibidem vacan. et ad Collac'o'em Re'di Patris Ep'i Wigorniensis pleno Jure spectantem.

Et scriptum est pro Inducc'o'e.

November 14, Tu. My L^d did set out from Oxon' and lay at Henley.

15, W. My L^d dined at Colebrook and went to London and continued there in Brewers Street till 25 Mar., near 5 months, and then returned to Oxford.

27 Decembr., 1704.

R. Hadsor. GULIELMUS WALDRON, Cl'icus in Artibus Magister admissus est in Rectoriam de Hadsor in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Joh'is Sparry Clerici ultimi Rectoris et Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'o'e Johannis Amphlet de Clent in Com. Staffordiae gen. d'cae R'c'oriae pleno Jure Patroni.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Joh'i ffleetwood, A.M. ArchiDiacono Wigorn. pro Inducc'o'e, etc. *Ordinat. Diacon. per Jo. Ep'um Oxon'* 4° *Martii*, 1693. *Presby^t per Jo. Ep'um Norvicen.* 24 *Dec.*, 1704.

28 Dec., 1704.

Hartleburiae Schola. GEO. VERNON, Cl. A.B., licentiatus fuit ad exercend. officium Ludim'ri ib'm per m'rum Chancellar.

14 Feb., 170⅘.

Belbroughton. JOH'IS UNDERHILL, A.M., Cl., Pembrochiensis Scholaris ad inserviend. Curae animarum Eccl'ia p'o'lis de

Belbroughton necnon ad exercend. officium Ludim'ri intra paro'iam p'd. licentiatus est.

7 March, 170⅘.

Stourbridge Schola. JOHANNES WENTWORTH, Cl., A.B. licentiatus est per m'rum Cancell. ad exercend. officium Ludim'ri in publica et libera Schola de Stourbridge in com. Wigorn.

170⅘, Jan. 8, M. I went from London in the Worc^r coach to Wickham, Sr Geo. Strowd.

[A long tour until April 20, of w^h the following only are items of interest.]

12, F. Horses met me at Evesham and I came to Worcester.

Feb. 10, Sat. At Hartlebury—Coz. Mercer was with me.

14, F. Mr. Toy was[1] . . . . kil'd a lease of hares.

March 14, W. I was at Mr Atkinson's funeral at S^t. Asaph.

17, Sat. P^d £100 to J. Lloyd.

28, W. I dined at Chirk Castle and lay at Gresford, after I had got a Recovery past at Wrexam on Mr Hughes' Estate.

April 20, F. To Oxford.

Ordinac'o 11 Feb^r 170⅘ In Eccl'ia S'ca Jacobi Westmonastr. tenta et celebrata est ordinac'o per reverendum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM p'ne dia' Wigorn. Ep'um die D'nico (viz't) undecimo die mensis Februarii Anno D'ni 1704 Juxta etc. (Licentiis re'dissimi Patris Archiepi' Cantuar. necnon re'di Patris Epi' Londin. in ea parte prius obtentis ac etiam re'di Patris Epi' Asaphen et re'di Patris Epi' Coven. et Lichen.

Diaconus. NEHEMIAS BARNETT paro'iae de Oswestria in com. Salopiae et Dioeces. Asaphen 29 annos natus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Capella de Whixal in paro'ia de Prees in com. Salop. et Dioeces. Coven. et Lichen intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

170⅘, Mar. 5, M. My L^d left London and lay at Brainford.

6, Tu. At Henley.

7, W. Got to Oxford and continued there till Munday the 23th of Aprill, near 7 weeks.

[1] Four words in cypher.

1705, Apr. 23, M. My L^{d} left Oxford and lay at Shipston.

24, Tu. Visited the Deanery of Kington at Stratford.

Newbold Pacy. Wm CHARNLEY, M.A., of Queen's Coll., licensed Curate of Newbold Pacy.

25, W. My L^{d} went to Warwick and lay at my Lady Bowyer's.

Pillerton. JOHN PARRY, Cl., B.A., licensed Curate of Pillerton.

26, Th. Visited the Deanery of Warwick in the evening between 4 and 7, met Mr. Archdeacon at the Hospital and adj^{d} that Visitation till next day.

27, F. Deprived 2 more of ye Brethren of the Hospital that were not qualifyed. Gave Injunctions to the M^{r} for the better govern^{t} of it, and concluded that Visitation of the Hospitall and went that night to Lapworth.

28, Sat. Went from Lapworth thro Alchurch to Hartlebury Castle.

29, Sunday. At Hartlebury.

30, M. I was at the Co^{rt} at Hallow.

May 1, Tu. I was at the Co^{rt} at Claines.

2, W. My L^{d} visited at Kidderminster.

3, Th. My L^{d} went from Hartlebury by Odingley to Evesham.

4, F. My L^{d} visited at Evesham.

5, Sat. My L^{d} dined at Lenchwick and came to Worc^{r}.

6, Sunday. My L^{d} was at Worc^{r}.

7, M. My L^{d} visited the Cathedral Church at Worc^{r}.

8, Tu. My L^{d} visited the Deanryes of Worc^{r} and Powick.

9, W. } Continued at Worc^{r}.
10, Th. }

11, F. My L^{d} came from Worc^{r} to Hartlebury.

12, Sat. I came from Worc^{r} to Hartlebury.

21, M. My L., &c., went to Worcester.

23, W. I was at ye Election at Worc^{r} for ye County.

26, Sat. My L^{d} came from Worc^{r} to Hartlebury.

June 3, Sunday. Ordinac'on at Hartlebury. My L^{d} preached.

5, Tu. I was with my L^{d} to visit Mr Chanc^{r} at Worc^{r}.

7, Th. I was with my L^{d} at ye Consistory at Worc^{r}.

8, Fri. At Hartlebury.

June 12, Tu. M^r. Chanc^r Price[1] dyed much lamented at Worc^r.
14, Th. I was with my L^d at Mr Chanc^r's funerall.

Trin. Ordinac'o 3 Jun., 1705. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. die D'nico post jejunium quatuor temporum tertio (viz't) die Mensis Junii Anno D'ni, 1705, per Reverendum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um An'o Translac'o'is in Ep'atum Wigorn. sexto, me p'sente ffranc'o Evans, No^no Pub^co.

Diaconi 1. GEORGIUS HART in paro'ia de Stourbridge in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. 24 Ann. natus e collegio Pembrocen. Apud Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaureus ad peragend. Diaconi Officium in Eccl'ia ex paro'lia de Wolverley in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

2. JOSEPHUS CARDALE paro'ia de Dudley in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. 25 Ann. natus e Collegio Magdalenae Oxon' ad peragendum Diaconi Officium in Eccl'ia p'oli de Elmley Lovet in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

Presbyter. 1. GULLIELMUS HALL in paro'ia de Leigh in com. Wigorn. 25 Ann. natus e collegio Orielensi Oxon' in Artibus Baccalaureus et Diaconus ad inserviendum Curae Animarum Eccl'iae p'o'lis de Doverdale in Com. et Dioeces. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratus ordinem admissus est.

Persons that desired to be admitted into holy ord^rs but were refused for the reasons foll^g.

1. Tho. Philpot, Curate of Odingly and M.A., for insufficiency.
2. John Cleveland, B.A. of Christ Coll., Cambr., for want of bringing such a testimonial as ye Canon[2] requires.

[1] "Mr Price was a very faithful steward to the bishoprick, a very able, industrious, and upright Chancellor, and a very considerable antiquary. To his papers I am very much obliged for much curious information." (Nash's Worcestershire.) There are four books of his MSS. in the Diocesan Registry, beautifully written, and full of interest.

[2] Canon 34th.

3. Edmund Dangerfield, B.A. of Baliol Coll. in Oxford, for not bringing a sufficient testimonial and title.

4. Richard Vernon, Curate of Cotheridge, for not giving such timely notice of his coming, as the late King's Injunctions require.

I made a Return to ye Arch B'p, and my L^d signed and sealed it, and it was signed by Mr Worth, Mr Stillingfleet, and Mr Vernon, who were present, and assisted at ye Ordination, and my L^d sent it by post to His Grace the Ld ArchBishop.

Stratford Super Avon. Resignac'o. Die Lunae quarto (viz't) die mensis Junii Anno D'ni 1705. In domo solitae h'itaco'is re'di in XP'o Patris ac D'ni D'ni WILLIELMI per'ne di'a Wigorn. Epi' vulgariter vocat' Hartlebury Castle in com. Wigorn. no'rie sit. et situat. cora' d'co re'do p're Judicilar. seden' me p'sente ffra. Evans Nor'io Pub'co comparuit proter Jos. Ley No'rius Pub'cus Proc. Mius Nicholai Brady, S.T.P. Vic. Eccl'iae paro'lis de Stratford super Avon et exh'uit procur'ium suum, etc., seq. fecit, etc., ac exhibuit Resignac'o'em d'ci Brady de D'c'a Vicaria quam petiit admitti, etc., qua Resignac'o'em d'cus r'edus Pater ad Petic'o'em d'ci Ley admisit, eandq. vicariam de persona d'c'i Nicolai Brady vacuam pronunciatam ad o'nem Juris eff'c'm Deq. alio Pastore Idoneo ib'm providend. fore, ac Intimac'o'em Patrono, etc., et sequestrac'o'em Profic'or'm Vicario, etc., decrevit.

In p'sentia mei,

ffra. Evans,

No^rii Pub^cl.

1705, Jun. 21, Th. My L^d went and kept his Consistory Co^rt at Worc^r.

22, F. } Visited ye Chapter and suspended 2 of the Priest
23, S. } Vicars for not attending, and returned on Saturday night 23th to Hartlebury.

July 1, Sun. My L^d preacht and confirmed between 2 and 300 at Chadsley Corbet at Evening Prayer.

5, Th. My L^d with ye B^p of Hereford[1] visited my Ld Herbert[2] at Ribsford.

[1] Humphrey Humphreys.

[2] Of Cherbury, a nephew of George Herbert the poet. Succeeded his uncle Edward, Lord Herbert of Cherbury; d. 1709.

July 7, Sat. My L^{d} and his Family removed from Hartlebury to Worcester.

8, Sun. My L^{d} preached at Worc^{r} in ye Cathedrall.

9, M. My L^{d} treated the Mayor and Aldermen of ye City at the Palace at dinner[1].

10. Quarter Sessions at Worcester.

10 July, 1705.

R. Moreton Morell. JOHN PARRY, Clerke, Batchelor of Arts, was admitted into the Rectory of Moreton Morrell al's Moreton Danbury, al's Moreton Dawdley, al's Moreton Trimmel, in the County of Warwick, void by the death of the last Incumbent, or by Cession or any other way w^{t}soever to which he was p'sented by the Queen under the Great Seal as Patron of the said Rectory, and a mandate for his Inducc'on was granted and directed to the Archdeacon.

19 Apr., 1705.

Shipston. GEO. EDES of Shipston was licensed to practise Chirurgery by Mr Chancellor.

1705, Jul. 11, W. My L^{d} visited the Chapter.

I was in the afternoon at Hinlip to attend the D of Powys[2].

12, Th. My L^{d} held his consistory.

12 July, 1705.

Kinwarton cum Capella de Aulne. THOMAS WHITE, Diaconus in Artibus Baccalaureus licentiatus est ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Kinwarton et Capella de Aulne Magna in com. Warwicen. ex no'iac'one Ven'lis Joh'is Fleetwood Archi'ni Wigorn. R'c'oris ib'm subscriptis prius et Juratis in hac p'te de Jure subscribendis et Jurandis coram D'no Ep'o.

14, Sat. My L^{d} returned to Hartlebury.

22, Sun. My L^{d} went on Sunday evening wth ye B^{p} of Sarum[3] to Worc^{r}, and made his son Chanc^{r} by Patent, 23th.

[1] "July 7. 1 Buck killed and all ye venison spent at ye Palace in Worcester."

[2] Son of William Herbert, 3rd Lord Powis, who was created Duke by James II. after he was dethroned; d. 1745, leaving a son who died unmarried, when the title became extinct.

[3] Burnet.

July 23, M. My L^d visited ye Chapter and returned y^t night to Hartlebury.

24, Tu. I went to Eccleshal and returned the 27 to Hartlebury.

Aug. 1, W. My L^d went to Worcester.

2, Th. My L^d held his consistory and visited the Chapter.

3, F. My L^d visited the Chapter and dined with ye Judges at ye assizes[1].

4, Sat. My L^d left Worc^r and dined at Holt Castle and came to Hartlebury.

6, M. My L^d was at Elmley to visit Mr Townsend[2], Rector of Hanbury, who dyed that night.

12, Sunday. My L^d preacht for 2 hours on ye 3 orders of the Church at Hartlebury, and ordeined 6 Deacons and 3 Priests.

Ordinac'o 13 Augusti, 1705. Ordinac'o celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per re'dum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM p'ne Divina Wigorn. Ep'um Die D'nico duodecimo (viz't.) die Mensis Augusti An'o D'ni 1705° (veniâ re'dissimi Patris Cantuar. ArchiEpi' ad ordinand. extra quatuor tempora prius obtentâ) me p'nte ffranc'o Evans Nor'io Pub'co.

Diaconi. 1. JACOBUS BROOKE in paro'ia de Hill Croome in com. Wigorn. 27 Ann. natus e Collegio Baliolen. apud Oxonienses in Artibus Baccalaureus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia p'o'li de Upton super Sabrinam intitulatus.

2. JOHANNES CLEVELAND in paro'ia Sci Leonardi in oppido de Bridge in North 23 Ann. aetatis e Collegio Christi apud Cantabrigienses Artium Baccalaureus ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Dudley in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus.

3. EDMUNDUS DANGERFIELD in paro'ia de Mathon in com. Wigorn. 23 Ann. natus e Collegio Baliolensi apud Oxo-

[1] They had venison from Hartlebury Park. See entries at end of Diary.

[2] Robert Townshend of Elmley Lovett. The picturesque old mansion of the Townsends was lately taken down.

nienses in Artibus Baccalaureus ad peragendum Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Malverne Magna intitulatus.

4. HENRICUS TOYE ex Aula Gloucestr. apud Oxonienses in Artibus Magister, in oppido de Kidderminster in com. Wigorn. 24 Ann. natus, ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Binton in com. Warwic. intitulatus.

5. ANDREAS TREBECK ex Æde Christi apud Oxonienses in Artibus Baccalaureus in paro'ia S'ci Petri in Civitate Wigorn. 23 Ann. natus ad peragendum Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia S'ci Petri p'dict. intitulatus.

6. GABRIEL OWEN in paro'ia de Swinford Regis in com. Staffordiae 23 Ann. natus e Collegio Pembrociano apud Oxonienses in Artibus Baccalaureus et ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Kidderm^r in com. Wigorn. intitulatus.

Presbyteri. 1. JOSEPHUS CARDALE paro'iae de Dudley in com. Wigorn. 25 Annos natus e Collegio Magdalen. apud Oxon' Diaconus ad inserviend. curae animarum Eccl'iae paro'lis de Elmley Lovet in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um anted'c'um Festa Trinitatis ult'o elapsi.*

2. GULIELMUS SMITH paro'iae S'ci Michaelis in Bedwardine in com. Wigorn. 24 Ann. natus, ex aula Magdalen. apud Oxonienses in Artibus Baccalaureus et Diaconus ad inserviend. curae animarum in Capella de Queenhill in com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus in sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per D'num Ep'um supradict.* 28° *Novembr.*, 1703°.

3. RIC'US VERNON paro'iae de Martley in com. et Dioec. Wigorn. 27 Annos natus, e Collegio Baliolensi apud Oxonienses in Artibus Magister et Diaconus, ad inserviendum Curae Animar. in Eccl'ia de Cotheridge in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in Sacrosanctum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est. *Diacon. per Ep'um Oxon'* 31 *May*, 1702°.

Cert. to ye ArchB^p, 13 Aug., 1705.

My L^d was assisted by—

W. Lloyd, who supplyed ye place of ArchDeacon

Wm Worth, S.T.B.
Ja. Stillingfleet, Rr of Hartlebury.
Erasmus Saunders, Clerk, A.M.
Geo. Vernon, Cl., Schoolmr of Hartlebury.

My Ld's letter to the Governrs of Dudley School.

Hartlebury, 13 Aug., 1705.

Gentlemen,

Yor letter of the 23rd of December, 1701, gave me so much satisfaction that I did hope I needed not to have given you any further trouble upon the account of yor School. But upon enquiry into the prsent state of it I am informed that the Leases of many of the small houses belonging to yor School are either expired or near expiring, and therefore I take this oportunity of minding you of yor promise to me in yor before mentioned letter, of continuing yor endeavors to improve the School Revenue by advancing the Rents proportionably to what they may reasonably desire.

It will be considerable to yor schoolmr if you add to his stipend but 4 or 5 £ a year, wch I hope you will do, and yet let the tenants have reasonable allowance for repairs and other contingencies withall understanding that of yor Trustees there are only 7 living, I take this oportunity whilst I think of it to desire you to fill up the number, for fear that by the death of a few more you may come to sinck yor Trust, as it has happened in some places within my memory.

I have had so good an account of you formerly that I take you to be such as need not many words to direct or excite you to the doing of those things, wch I trust you are ready to do of yor own just and good inclinac'ons.

I beseech God to have you in his Gratious keeping.

It is the hearty Prayer of,
Gentlemen,
Yor Loving Friend and Diocesan,
W. Worcester.

To Mr Jonathan Taylor,
Mr O. C. Shaw, and the
rest of the Trustees of
Dudley School.

To the Governors of Hartlebury Schoole.

13 Aug., 1705.

My Good Friends and Neighbors,

I have throughly considered the case of yor school, and find that the real value of the school land is above £100 per annum, of wch the reserved rent is but £51 8*s.* 7*d.*, out of wch yor Schoolm^{r} has £32 and yor usher £12; the remainder is applyed to pay the Interest of ye money borrowed to build the Master's house and to finish that building, as I presume.

These salaries being not sufficient to invite men of ability to instruct yor children, I think therefore you ought to be very cautious in renewing of Leases; and if I understand yor Statutes, you ought not to grant any Lease without the Bishop's consent. I think to enquire farther into that matter, and in the meanwhile I do advise you not to renew any Lease without reserving at least two thirds in rent of ye real improved value, to com'ence at the expirac'on of the term in being, if not sooner. If you do so, you will by degrees bring the Rents to above £70 per annum; of wch I think the Master ought to have £40 and the usher £20 at least; and £10 more with the consent of the Bishop, Governours, and Schoolmasters, may be applyed to teach poor children in the Parish to read, wch is now to be done by the Usher or not at all.

I do not very well approve of yor Statutes, and think they were drawn very negligently. But I desire to have a true copy of the Charter[1], and the Statutes, and of a Decree y^{t} was made on a Com'ission for Pious Uses, and then I will at my first oportunity advise how such fresh Statutes may be made, as may be of the greatest advantage and benefit to you and yor posterity.

I am told yor school is like to be void in a short time W^{n}-ever it is so, I would advise you to lay aside all yor private Interests and piques, and to agree together to choose the best man that you can find or hear of, I mean such a man as is like to doe the most good in yor school.

[1] The original Charter of Queen Elizabeth, with seal attached, is preserved in the iron chest belonging to the governors in the vestry of the Parish Church. The Statutes were drawn up by Archbishop Sandys while Bishop of Worcester. The Grammar School was in existence long before Q. Elizabeth's time. It is one of the oldest in the county.

I think you cannot well justify the spending of any of the school revenue in yor meetings about ye school business: especially since you all live within the Parish, where you have meat and drink at yor own Houses; so that, for that, you need not go to an Alehouse. And when you meet for business, I think it ought to be either in the Church or Schoolhouse, where it may be done much better than at an Alehouse. There especially is the worst place for making up of yor Accounts: tho' I am afraid you make them all there, for I cannot imagine how they should be done so slatterly otherwise. I speak thus particularly of the Accounts that have been given of the building of the Schoolmaster's house. If you will make me think it necessary to look farther into these matters, and I see no other way to do the Charity right, but by a Com'ission of Pious and Charitable Uses, I shall be sorry for it as wel for yor sakes as my own; for it will be expensive and troublesome to all parties concerned. I doe therefore desire you so to order yor matters for the future that there may be no occasion for this.

I com'end you to God in my Prayers, and remain

Yo^{r} loving Friend,

W. Worcester.

My Lord's consent for a Quarterly Lecture at Boarsley Chapel in the Parish of Tardebig.

13 Aug., 1705.

I do hereby consent to, and approve of, the pious Charity of my brethren of the Clergy of this Diocese in Reading Prayers and Preaching, as I understand they have done and still intend to do one or other of them every Lord's Day in the Chapel at Redditch, in the Parish of Tardebig, in the County of Worcester, and also on any week day in their Quarterly Meetings such as they will have occasion for in order to their agreeing how to provide a supply for the said Chapel. I beseech God to blesse and reward their endeavours to do what service they can for the Good of Souls.

I am, with all sincerity,

Their Loving Brother and Diocesan,

W. Worcester.

1705, Aug. 13, M. My L^{d} left Hartlebury and went to Worcester.
14, Tu. My L^{d} held a Consistory and visited the Chapter.

13 Aug., 1705.

R. Peopleton. SAMUEL ASTLEY, Cl'cus Artium Magister admissus est in eand^{m} Rectoriam ex p^{r}sentac'o'e D'nae Reginae per pravitatem Simoniae d'cae Rectoriae pro hac Vice Patron.

Et scriptum est om'ibus Clericis pro Inducc'one d'ni Samuelis Astley, Cl'ici, etc.

13 Aug., 1705.

V. Blockley. GULIELMUS LLOYD, Cl'icus in Artibus Magister Vicarius de Blockley d'cam Vicariam cum suis Juribus etc. in manus D'ni Ep'i Resignavit etc. Quam Resignac'o'em D'nus D'nus Ep'us admisit etc. et i'mediate eand' vicariam per resignac'o'em d'c'i Gulielmi Lloyd sic vacan. D'nus Ep'us contulit Erasmo Saunders, Clerico in Artibus Magistro.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Gulielmus Lloyd, A.M. Vicario generali, necnon o'nibus et singulis Rectoribus vacariis, etc., pro Inducc'o'e etc.

1705.

Aug. 15, W. My L^{d} sat in the Consistory, and visited the Chapter, and adj^{d} the Visitac'on till Thursday, 11 Ap., 1706. Went that day and dined at Strensham, and lay at Dumbleton at Sr Richard Coxe's.

16, Th. My L^{d} dined at Dumbleton, called on Sr Rob. Atkins, and lay at Stowe.

17, Fri. My L^{d} went from Stowe to his house at Oxford.

30 Aug., 1705.

R. Hanbury. GEORGIUS VERNON, Cl'icus in Artibus Baccalaureus admissus est in Rectoriam de Hanbury in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per Mortem Rob'ti Townsend, Cl'ici ult'i Incumbentis ib'm jam vacan. ex p^{r}sent'c'o'e Thomae Vernon Arm. d'cae R'c'oriae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patroni die et Anno p^{r}dict. per re'dum Patrem D'num Ep'um Wigorn.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Gulielmo Lloyd, Cl'ico, A.M. Vicario in sp'ualibus gen'li ejusve in absentia universis et singulis cl'icis et l'ratis quibuscu'q. pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Geo. Vernon in poss'ionem, etc.

Ita testor,
ffra. Evans,
No^rius Pub^cus

Aug. 31, Fr. I left Oxford and came to Blockley, and so to Worc^r, &c.

Oxon', 3 Oct., 1705.

Aston Cantulup al's Aston Cantloe Vicar. ROGERUS HUGHES, Cl., A.B., admissus est in Vicariam de Aston Cantulup alias Aston Cantloe per mortem Thomae Lanley cl'ici ult'i Incumbentis ib'm Vacan. ex p'sentac'o'e.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Archi'no Wigorn. ejusve offic'li pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Rogeri Hughes in poss'ionem, etc.

Oxon', 16° October, 1705.

Stratford super Avon Vicar. RIC'US SYNGE, Cl'icus, A.M. in Vicariam de Stratford super Avon in com. Warwic. per resignac'o'em Nicholai Brady, S.T.P., ult'i Vacarii et Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'o'e p'nobilis Comitis Dorset et Middlesexiae d'c'ae Vicariae pleno Jure (ut asseritur) Patron. admissus est die et Anno p'dict.

Et scriptum est omnibus et singulis R'ctoribus Vicariis Cap'l'is Curatis et Cl'icis quibuscu'q. con^m et div^m in et per totam Dioec. Wigorn. pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Ric'i Synge seu ejus Procu'rem, etc., in poss'ion'm, etc.

1705.

Oct. 22, M. My L^d and my Lady left Oxford and lay at Benson.

23, Tu. They went to Maidenhead.

24, W. They got to London and lay at Mr Kitchenham's house over ag^t the Goldenhead in Greek S^t, near Soho Square.

[Absent on a tour through Wales, &c., from Sept. 3 till Nov. 17, when he returned to Oxford.]

Nov. 19, M. I went by coach to Wickham.
20, Tu. I got to London.

My L$^{d's}$ Certificate wch he gave the Vicar of Hales Owen's wife wth 30*s*.[1] towards repairing the Vicarage House.

I know the Vicarage of Halesowen within my Diocese has a large Cure of Souls belonging to it, and is but meanly endowed, and I have been informed and do believe that Mr Thomas Jukes, Vicar there, who is a diligent Conscientious man, and performes his Duty well, has a charge of seaven children, and can very ill bear the addit'onall charge that is fal'n upon him of repairing the Vicarage House, for wch reason I have contributed towards it, taking it to be a work of Christian Charity. This at his wife's desire I have thought fit to certify under my hand this 22th day of November, 1705.

W. Worcester.

Great Witley, R. My Ld Bishop's seal was put to the Confirmac'on of an exchange of the Parsonage House and Glebe of the Rectory of Great Witley, made between Thomas Foley, Esqre, Patron, and John Wright Clerke, Rector there, wch Confirmac'on bore date 26 Jan., 1705.
The whole proceeding is entered in the B$^{p's}$ Reg^{ry}.

A certificate granted to Mr. SAUNDERS, Vicar of Blockley, when he was to take his Degree of B.D.

Omnibus et Singulis Christi Fidelibus ad quos praesentes literae pervenerint, WILLIELMUS per'ne Divina Wigorniensis Ep'us Salutem. Cum Vir Venerabilis Erasmus Saunders Cl'icus in Artibus Magister Vicarius Ecclesiae Paro'lis de Blockley in com. Wigorn. et n'rae Dioecesi literas Testimoniales de conformitate sua tum quoad doctrinam tum quoad Disciplinam in Ecclesia Anglicana receptam a nobis petierit. Nos ejus sententiam de his rebus probe perspectam habentes praedictum Erasmum Saunders Ecclesiae An-

[1] Between £6 and £7 present value, possibly even more.

glicanae tum quoad doctrinam tum quoad disciplinam per omnia esse conformem per praesentes testamur. Quibus in majorem hujus n'r'i testimonii fidem sigillum n'r'um quo in hac parte utimur apponendum curavimus decimo tertio die Decembris Anno D'ni 1705°, n'raeq. Translac'o's in Ep'atum Wigorn. Anno Septimo.

14 Dec., 1705°.

Archi'natus Wigorniensis. Gulielmus Worth[1], S.T.B., Collegii Omnium Animarum Oxon' Socius in Archi'natum Wigorn. per mortem Joh'nis ffleetwood ult'i Archi'ni ib'm vacan. Collatus fuit die et anno p^r^dict.

Et scriptum est Ven'libus Decano et capitulo Wigorn. pro Installac'o'e d'c'i Gulielmi Worth, etc.

Kinwarton R. cum Capellis de Aulne magna et Weethley ad eand. spectan. GULIELMUS EDES, Cl'icus A.M. in Rectoriam de Kinwarton cum Capellis de Aulne ad eand' spectan. per mortem Joh'is ffleetwood ult'i Incumben. ib'm vacan. collatus est.

Et scriptum est om'ibus Rectoribus vicariis cap'l'is curatis et Cl'icis in et per totam Dioec. Wigorn. pro inducc'o'e, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

24° Decembr., 1705.

Whitchurch R. ABRAHAMUS KENT, Cl'icus A.M. in Rectoriam de Whitchurch in com. Warwic. per mortem Ric'i Marriot Cl'ici ult'i Incumb. vacan. ex p^r^sentac'o'e Joh'is Marriot de Alscot in com. Gloucester Armigeri d'c'ae R'c'oriae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Institutus est die et anno p^r^dict.

Et scriptum est omnibus et singulis Rectoribus Vicariis Cap'l'is Curatis et Cl'icis in et per totam Dioec. Wigorn. con^m^ et div^m^ pro Inducc'o'e D'c'i Abrahami Kent seu ejus Procu'rem, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

29 Decembr., 1705°.

Ripple R. cum Capella de Queenhill ad eamd. spectan. GULIELMUS LLOYD, Cl'icus S.T.P. filius D'ni Ep'i in Rectoriam de Ripple cum Capella de Queenhill ad eand' spectan. per mortem Joh'is

[1] He was Archdeacon for 37 years.

ffleetwood ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. Collatus est per D'um Ep'um die et anno p^r^dict.

Et scriptum est om'ibus et singulis Rectoribus, etc. con^m^ et div^m^ pro Inducc'o'e d'ie Gulielmi Lloyd seu ejus Procu'rem, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

1° Jan., 170$\frac{5}{6}$.

Hill Croome R. al's Croome Montis. JACOBUS BROOKE, Cl'icus A.B. in Rectoriam de Hill Croome in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Samuelis Ward ult'i Incumben. ib'm vacan. ex p^r^sentac'o'e D'nae Reginae d'cae R'toriae pleno Jure Patron' admissus et Institutus est.

Et scriptum est om'ibus et singulis Rectoribus, etc. con^m^ et div^m^ pro Inducc'o'e d'ci Jacobi Brooke Cl'ici vel ejus procu'rem, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

To the Most Reverend Father in God, THOMAS, by Divine Providence Lord ArchB^p^ of Canterbury.

These are to certify yor Grace that ERASMUS SAUNDERS, Clerke, B.D., is possessed of the Vicarage of Blockley, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, valued in the Queen's Books at £54, and of the real value of £120 per annum, and is p^r^sented to the Rectory of Helmdon, in the County of Northampton and Diocese of Peterborough, valued in the Queen's Books at £13 10*s.* 11*d.*, and said to be of the yearly value of £100, and distant from his other Living twenty miles.

I believe him to be a very deserving man both for his life and learning, and good affection to the Government, and do therefore hold him worthy of yor Grace's favour in granting him a Dispensac'on to hold these two Livings. And I will take care that he shall serve the Cure of Blockley in his own Person, except at such times as by his Dispensac'on he shall be obliged to be at Helmdon, and that during such times he shall serve the Cure of Blockley by a sufficient Curate.

Witness my hand the 4th day of January, 170$\frac{5}{6}$.

W. Worcester.

To the Right Honble the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England.

These are to certify yor Lo^p that whereas ERASMUS SAUNDERS, Cl., B.D., Vicar of Bl., in the County of W. and my Diocese, is likewise p^rsented to the Rectory of Helmdon, in the County of Northampton and Diocese of Peterborough, I am willing that he hold them together, if yor Lo^p shall think fit to Confirme his Dispensac'on for the same.

W. Worcester.

Jan. 12, 1705.

16 January, 170⅝.

Tardebigg V. THOMAS BELL, Cl'icus, A.M., in Vicariam Eccl'iae p'o'lis de Tardebigg in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Gulielmi Legard ult'i Incumbentis ib'm ex p^rsentac'o'e p^rnobilis Othor Comitis Plimouth[1] d'c'ae Vicariae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Institutus est die et an'o p^rdict.

Et scriptum est om'bus et singulis Rectoribus, etc. con^m et div^m pro Inducc'o'e d'ci Thomae Bell vel ejus Procu'rem, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

Mr Bell's promise to my L^d before Institutc'on.

I doe hereby promise my Diocesan the Bishop of Worc^r, by whom I am now to be Instituted to the Church of Tardebigg in his Diocese, that to qualify myself for the serving of the Cure of souls that shall be by him to me com'itted, I will forthwith apply myself to the study of the holy Scriptures and of all other sum'aries of the Christian Religion that he shall judge necessary for that purpose, particularly.

1^stly. In the time between this and May next, I will read over all the 5 Books of Moses in the Septuagint Translation, together with the Vulgar Latine and Junius and Tremellius, and together with B^p Patrick's Comment.

2^ndly. In the 4 following months beginning from the 3rd day of May, I will read every day the second lesson for Morning

[1] 2nd Earl of Plymouth, succeeded his grandfather when 8 years old; d. 1727.

Prayer for that day, as it is prscribed in the Kalendar; and that both in the Greek original, and in the Vulgar Latine, and Beza's translac'on; together with Dr Ham'ond's Paraphrase and Annotations.

3rdly. In the 4 next following months, beginning from the last day of August, I will read over every 2d lesson appointed for Evening Prayer in the Kalendar; and that both in the Greek originall, and in the Vulgar Latine, and Beza's Translation, together with Dr Ham'ond's Paraphrase and Annotations.

After each of these intervals I will repair to the Bishop, and give him an account of my study and Improvements, and receive his farther advice and directions as he shall see occasion. All this I doe promise and will faithfull performe.

Wittnesse my hand this 16th day of January, 170⅔.

T. Bell.

Read and signed
in the presence of
ffran. Evans
No. Pub.

Books that Mr Bell is to read.

The LXX. Translation, and the Oxford New Testamt, Bp Fell's Edi'o.

The Vulgate Latine of ye whole Bible, and Junius and Tremellius[1] of the Old, and Beza of the New.

Diodati's Bible[2] in English.

Beza's Major Annota'o's on ye N.T.

Bp Patrick on ye 5 Books of Moses.

Dr Ham'ond on the N.T.

Jan. 18, Fri. I went from London to Reading by coach.
19, Sat. to Swallowfield.
20, Sunday. to Reading.
21, M. I returned to London by coach.

[1] Scholars of the Reformation who wrote annotations on the O.T. about the year 1570.

[2] John Diodati, minister of the Gospel at Geneva. The English translation of his Commentary was published 1648. His nephew, Charles Diodati, was Milton's friend, to whom he addressed Sonnet IV. and Eleg. I. and VI.

Feb. 11, 170$\frac{5}{6}$.

Dr Moses Hodges had such a letter to the ArchB^{p} as Mr Saunders had, p. 123, to hold the Rectory of Harvington of £80 value, wth the Vicarage of St Mary's in Warwick of ab^{t} £90 value, to wch he was p^{r}sented, 12 miles distant.

Feb. 18, 170$\frac{5}{6}$.

Dr Hodges had such a letter as Mr Saund^{rs} had to the Ld Keeper to confirme his Dispensac'on.

16 Febr., 170$\frac{5}{6}$.

Northfield R. cum Capella de Cofton ad eandem spectan. EDWARDUS CHANDLER, S.T.P., in Rectoriam de Northfield cum Capella de Cofton ad eand. spectan. in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Joh'is Hinckley Cl'ici ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan., ex p^{r}sentat'o'e Thomas Jervois Ar. d'c'ae Rectoriae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Institutus est die et anno p^{r}dict.

Et scriptum est omnibus et singulis Rectoribus Vicariis etc., con^{m} et div^{m} pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Edri' Chandler seu ejus Procu'rem, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

[Tour from March 4 to April 8.]

1706, Apr. 8, M. I went to Evesham and met my L^{d}, who came from Oxford to Moreton.
9, Tu. My L^{d} came to Worcester.
10, W. At Worc^{r}.
11, Th. My L^{d} visited the Chapter.
12, F. At Worc^{r}.
13, Sat. My L^{d} came to Hartlebury.
14, S. At Hartlebury.

Strensham R. FRANCISCUS GRESLEY, Cl., A.M., in Rectoriam de Strensham in et Com. Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Samuelis Ward ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p^{r}sentac'o'e D'nae Annae Russell viduae d'c'ae R'c'oriae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Institutus est.

Et scriptum est Ven'li ArchiDiacono Wigorn. ejusve offi'li pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Francis Gresley in poss'ionem, etc.

Apr. 15, M. My L^d^ went back from Hartlebury to Worc^r^.
I went to Evesham and lay at Blockley.

17 Aprilis, 1706.

R. Hagley. ROBERTUS DURANT, Cl., A.B., in Rectoriam de Hagley in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per mortem Gulielmi Bowles, Cl. ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p'sentac'one Caroli Littleton Barronetti d'cae Rectoriae pleno Jure (ut asseritur) Patron. admissus et Institutus est.
Et scriptum est Archi'no Wigorn. pro Inducc'o'e, etc.

1706, Ap. 22, M. I left my L^d^ at Worc^r^ and went in the stage coach to Islip.
23, Tu. I got to London and saw ye Venetian Embassad^rs^ entry[1].
I continued in London till ye 30th.
30, Tu. I came from London in Abingdon coach and lay at Sunningwell.
May 1, W. I was at Oxford.
2, Th. I came from Suningwel to Blockley.
3, F. I dined at Honington, and expected to have met my L^d^ at Moreton, and returned to Blockley.
4, Sat. I came from Blockley to Worc^r^.
5, Sun. At Worc^r^.

22 Aprilis, 1706.

Warwick V. S^cae^ Mariae in Burgo Warwic. MOSES HODGES, S.T.P. in Vicariam S'cae Mariae in oppido de Warwick per Cessionem Gulielmi Edes Cl. ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan., ex p^r^sentac'o'e D'nae Reginae d'c'ae Vicariae pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Institutus est.
Et scriptum est Archi'no Wigorn. pro Inducc'o'e, etc.

[1] "This day Signior Francesco Cornaro, Ambassador in ordinary from the Republick of Venice to Her Majesty, made his public entry. He was met at Greenwich, brought by water in H.M. barges to the Tower. Then in H.M. coach, followed by the coach of H.R.H. Prince George of Denmark, 3 of his own coaches, one with 8 horses, other 2 with 6 a piece, and many coaches of the nobility with six horses each, to his own House. His Excellency entertained very splendidly the Persons of Quality and others that accompanied him at his entry." (London Gazette.) "His coach is the most monstrous huge fine gilt thing that ever I saw." (Swift to Stella.)

8 May, 1706.

Broadway V. JOHANNES GRIFFITHS, Cl., A.B. in Vicariam de Broadway in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per Cessionem Ricardi Gregory, Cl. ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vacan. ex p^r^sentac'o'e Gualteri Savage Arm. d'cae Vicariae (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Institutus est.

Et scriptum est Archi'no Wigorn. ejusve offi'li pro Inducc'o'e d'c'i Joh'is Griffiths in poss'ionem, etc.

7 May, 1706.

Malverne Magna. JOH'ES LUTWICH ad exercend. officium Ludim'ri in paro'ia de Malverne Magna (subscriptis prius et Juratis, etc.) Licentiatus est die et An'o pr'd.

1706, May 8, W. I left my L^d^ at Worc^r^ and came to Hartlebury. I went to Eccleshall.

[Absent till July 1.]

Ordinac'o Jun. 9, 1706, Hartleburiae. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata per reverendum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um, in Eccl'ia Paro'li de Hartlebury in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. Die D'nico (viz't) nono die mensis Junii A'no D'ni 1706° me p'nte ffranc'o Evans No. Pub'co.

Diaconi 1. HYDE PARKER, Henrici Parker Barronetti filius, Collegii novi apud Oxonienses Socius et Civilista, in paro'ia de Honington in com. Warwicen. 24 Ann. natus, in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

2. JOHANNES FLY, paro'ia S'ci Olaves, Southwarke, 24 Ann. natus, Collegii S'cae et individuae Trinitatis Oxon' A.B pro Capellano Domestico D'ni Ep'i, in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

3. JOHANNES HARPER paro'iae de Hartlebury in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. 23 Ann. natus, e Collegio Universitatis Oxon' A. B. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Capella de Queenhill intitulatus ad sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

4. GULIELMUS PHILIPS paro'iae omnium Sanctor. in Civitate Wigorn. 20° Ann. natus, e Collegio Orielensi apud Oxon. A. B. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia de Mart-

ley in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

5. CADWALADER GRIFFITH in paro'ia S'ci Ceddac in oppido Salop. 23 Ann. ætatis jam Inhabitans in oppido de Kidderminster, e Coll. Oriel. Oxon. A.B. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Capella de Boardsley in paro'ia de Tardebig intitulatus in sacrum Diaconatus ordinem admissus est.

1706, Jul. 1, M. I was at a private Co^rt^ at Wichenford.
3, W. I was at Hadsor and Wich.
4, Th. I went with Mr Hen. Jones to Blockley.
5, F. To Suningwell.
6, Sat. To Oxford.
8, M. To Oxford and Abingdon.
9, Tu. } To Abingdon.
10, W. }
11, Th. Wee returned to Moreton.
12, F. To Hartlebury.

Officiality to the ArchDeacon of Worcester. Mr Wm Worth, Archdeacon of Worcester, having by Patent constituted WILLIAM LLOYD, D.D., Chancellor of Worcester, to be his official during life, and the Patent being confirmed by the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, it was confirmed under my Lord Bishop's seale.

Jul. 15, M. I went to Marston Park, &c.
Aug. 3, Sat. I was at Worcester.
5, M. I went with my L^d^ and Family to Worcester Assizes.
6, Tu. My L^d^ treated the Mayor and Aldermen.
10, Sat. My L^d^ and Family returned to Hartlebury.
11, Sunday. I went from Worcester to Evesham Church, and in the evening to Blockley.
12, M. I was at Batsford wth Lease of Blockley Woods, and dined with Chanc^r^ and Dr Chandler at Moreton.
13, Tu. I gave Ld C. Baron Freeman Livery and seizin of Blockley Woods as Trustee for S^r^ Ja. Rushout.

Aug. 14, W. I returned from Blockley to Hartlebury.
15, Th. I was at Worc^r at ye Co^rt to meet Dr Jephcot.
17, Sat. I was at Worcester.
19, M. I went to Pipe Ridware.
20, Tu. To Snelston and Ashbourne.
21, W. At Ashbourne Referrense.
22, Th. I returned to ye 7 Stars from Snelston.
23, F. I came early to Hartlebury.
24, Sat. I was at Worcester.
26, M. I was at Mr Vernon's of Hanbury.

27 Augusti, 1706.

V. Nornton and Lenchwick. ROBERTUS BOURNE, Cl., in Artibus Magister in Vicariam perpetuam Eccl'iae paro'lis de Norton et Lenchwick in Com. et Diocc. Wigorn. per cessionem Moses Hodges, S.T.P., ult'i Incumbentis ib'm vel alio quocu'q. modo vacan., ex p^rsentac'o'e Decani et Capituli Wigorn. d'cae Vicariae pleno Jure Patron. admissus et Istitutus est.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Archi'no Wigorn. ejusve offi'li vel alii cuicu'q. p'tatem h'enti pro Inducc'o'e d'ci Rob'ti Bourne seu ejus Procu'ris, etc. in poss'ionem, etc.

To the Church Wardens of the Parish of Yardley, in the County and Diocese of Worcester.

WILLIAM, by divine Permission, Bishop of Worcester, sendeth greeting.

Whereas by the 20th Canon of our Church made in the Synod begun at London in the year 1603, it is appointed that the Church Wardens of every Parish, against the time of every Com'union, shall at the charge of the Parish, with the advice and direction of the Minister, provide Bread and Wine sufficient for the number of Com'unicants; And Whereas Mr Job Marston, dec^d, out of his great Charity to ye inhabitants of yor Parish who lived remote from their Parish Church, did by his last will and testament enable his exo^rs and Trustees to build and endow a Chapell wth in yor said Parish, wch has been lately consecrated by the name of Marston Chapell, and is supplyed by a licensed Minister in Priest's Orders, who is ready to Administer the holy Sacram^t, at all seasonable times in the year, to such of yor Parishioners as frequent the said

Chapell, and cannot conveniently go to yor Parish Church. I doe hereby exhort and require you and yor Successors Church Wardens of the said Parish, against the time of every Com'union, at the charge of yor said Parish, wth the advice and direction of the Minister, to provide a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome Wine, for the number of yor Parishioners that shall from time to time come to receive them at the said Chapell, as well as at the said Parish Church.

Given under my hand at Hartlebury this 20th day of August, in the year of our Lord God 1706, and in the 8th year of my Translac'on to the see of Worcester.

Aug. 28, Fri. I was at Bewdley.
31, Sat. I was at Worcester.
Sept. 3, Tu. The D. of Shrewsbury dined wth my L at Hartlebury.
7, Sat. I was at Worcester.
12, Th. I went from Hartlebury to Riccard's Castle.
13, F. I went to Castle.
14, Sat. ,,
15, Sun. ,,
16, M. I was at Powys Castle and Welsh Poole.
17, Tu. I left Castle, dined at Mybod, and lay at Llanvylling.
18, W. At Llanvylling Assizes.
19, Th. I came to Llanymynech.
20, F. I came to Salop.
21, Sat. I returned to Hartlebury.

Sept. 15, Sun. Sr John Packington and his Lady visited my L^{d} at Hartlebury, and brought his Daughters[1] to be confirmed by his Lo^{p}.

Ordinac'o 22 Sept. 1706, Hartleburiae. Ordinac'o tenta et celebrata in Eccl'ia paro'li de Hartlebury in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. die D'nico post Jejunium quatuor temporum vices'imo secundo (viz't.) die mensis Septembris An'o D'ni 1706° per Reverendum in XP'o patrem ac D'num D'num Willielmum per'ne

[1] Sir John married 1st, Frances, d. of Sir Henry Parker of Honnington, and 2nd, Hester, sole heiress of Sir Herbert Perrott, of Haroldstone, Pembrokeshire. He had 2 daughters by his first wife, Margaret (Mrs. Dowdeswell), and Frances (Lady Tracey).

Di'a Wigorn. Ep'um an'o octavo Translac'onis in Ep'atum Wigorn. me p'nte ffranc'o Evans Notario Pub'co.

Diaconi. 1. THOMAS SOUTHALL paro'iae S'ci Martini in Civitate Wigorn. 23° anno aetatis e Coll. Merton apud Oxon' A.B. in Sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

2. SAMUEL SAVAGE paro'iae S'cae Hellenae in Civitate Wigorn. 24° anno aetatis, ex aula Magdalenae Oxon' A.B. ad peragend. Diaconi officium in Eccl'ia paro'li de Pyrton in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrum Diaconatûs ordinem admissus est.

Presyteri. 1. HYDE PARKER, Henrici Parker, Baronetti, Filius, Collegii Novi apud Oxonienses Socius et Diaconus, in paro'ia de Honnington in Com. Warwic. Dioec. Wigorn. 24 Annos natus, in sacrum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

2. JOHANNES WEBB in paro'ia de Malverne Magna in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. 41° Anno aetatis, e Collegio Baliolensi apud Oxonienses A.B. et Diaconus ad inserviendum curae Animarum Ecl'iae paro'lis de Leigh in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

3. HENRICUS TOYE in oppido de Kidderminster in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. 25 Annos natus, ex aula Gloucestrensi Oxon' A.M. et Diaconus ad exercend. officium Curati in Ecclesia' de Binton in Com. Warwic. et Dioec. Wigorn. intitulatus, in sacrum Presbyteratûs ordinem admissus est.

Persons that desired to be ordeined Deacons and were refused for the reasons following :—

1. . . . . Broadstock, B.A., of Queen's Colledge in Oxford, for not bringing letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Gloucester, where he is certified to be now resident.

2. John Butler, of Bromsgrove, Student of Gloucester Hall in Oxford, for having officiated several times in the chapel of St Kenelm's, in the Parish of Halesowen and Diocese of Worcester without being in Orders.

3. Charles Wylde, B.A., of University Colledge in Oxford, for insufficiency.

To the most Revd Father in God THOMAS, by divine Providence Lord ArchBishop of Canterbury.

These are to certify y^{r} Grace that JOHN JEPHCOTT, D^{r} of Divinity, is now possessed of the Rectory of Alve Church, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, valued in the Queen's Books at £24 16*s.* 8*d.*, and of the real value of £180 per Annum, and is p^{r}sented to the Rectory of Northfield in the same County and Diocese, valued in the Queen's Books at £14 15*s.* 2½*d.*, and of the real value of £160 per annum, both wch Parishes are contiguous, and the churches but 3 miles distant from each other. I know him to be a very deserving man both for his life and learning, and good affection to the government, and do therefore hold him worthy of y^{r} Grace's favour in granting him a Dispensation to hold both these Livings. And I will take care that he shall serve the Cure, on wch he does not reside, by an able and sufficient Curate.

Witness my hand this 23th day of September, 1706.

W. Worcester.

To the Right Honble the Ld Keep. of the Great Seal of England.

These are to certify y^{r} Lo^{p} that whereas JOHN JEPHCOTT, D^{r} in Divinity, Rector of Alve Church, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, is p^{r}sented to the Rectory of Northfield, in the same County and Diocese, wch Rectoryes are contiguous. I am willing that he hold them together, If y^{r} L^{p} shall think fit to confirme his Dispensac'on for the same.

W. Worcester.

1706.

Sept. 25, W. My L^{d} and Lady dined with Sr Jo^{n} Pakington at Westwood.

28, Sat. I was at Wors^{r}.

Oct. 2, W. I was at Kidde^{r}m^{r}.

5, Sat. I was at Worcester.

7, M. My L^{d} and his Family went to Worc^{r}, and his Lo^{p} dined wth ye Mayor [1].

8, Tu. The Quarter Sessions.

[1] The Bishop had sent venison. See p. 149.

Oct. 10, Th. My L^d sate in ye Consistory.
11, Fri. My L^d and Lady dined at Holt, and ye Family met at Hartlebury that night.
12, Sat. I returned from Worc^r to Hartlebury.
17, Th. I was with my L^d at Droytwych.
18, Fri. I was at Stourbridge.
19, Sat. I was at Worcester.

11 July, 1706.

P. Octava in Eccl'ia Wigorn. and R. Northfield. Dr JOHN JEPHCOTT, Prebend of Worcester, did agree with Dr. EDWARD CHANDLER, Rector of Northfield, to exchange, and they both made their Resignac'ons in order to it, before my Ld Bishop, who admitted the Resignac'ons, and Dr John Jephcott, having procured a Presentation from the Patron to the Rectory of Northfield, and Dr Edward Chandler having procured a Presentac'on from the Queen to the Prebend of Worcester, they were both Instituted the 21th of October, 1706.

I was gone for Berkss Assizes w^n they made their Resignac'ons, but one of them is entered in the next page.

21° October, 1706.

Prebenda 8va in Eccl'ia Cath'li Wigorn. EDWARDUS CHANDLER, S.T.P., ad et in Prebendam Octava' in Eccl'ia Cath'li Wigorn. fundatam per resignac'o'em Johannis Jephcott, S.T.P., jam vacan., ex p^rsentac'o'e D'nae Reginae, admissus et Institutus est die et anno praedict.

Et scriptum est Ven'libus Decano et Capitulo Wigorn. pro Inducc'one et Installac'o'e p^rd'ci Edr'i Chandler, in poss'ionem, etc.

21 Oct., 1706°.

R. Northfield. JOHANNES JEPHCOTT, S.T.P., in Rectoriam de Northfield cum Capella de Cofton in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per resignac'o'em Edwardi Chandler, S.T P., ulti' Incumbentis Ib'm vacantem ex presentac'o'e spectabilis Thomae Jervois Arm. d'cae Rectoriae (ut asseritur) pleno

Jure Patron., admissus et Institutus est die et Anno p'dict.

Et scriptum est Ven'li Willielmo Worth, S.T.P., Archi'no Archi'natus Wigorn. ejusve officiali vet alii cuicunq. p'tatem h'enti pro Inducc'o'e d'ci Joh'is Jephcott in pos-s'ionem etc.

Oct. 21, M. I went to keep Co^rt^ at Kemsey and returned to Hartlebury.

29, Tu. I was at Northwick and boated at Flaford Bridge.

31, Th. I was at Kidderminster.

1706, Nov. 1.

Norton juxta Breedon Cap^a^. GEORGIUS HART, A.B , et Diaconus ad peragendum Diaconi officium in Capella de Norton Juxta Breedon in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. ex No'iaco'e R'c'oris de Breedon licentiatus fuit primo die Novemb. 1706.

Nov. 2, Sat. I went to Worcester and returned to Hartlebury.

5 Nov., 1706.

Office of Register to the Ld Bishop of Worcester. My Ld Bishop granted a Patent of the Office of Register to the Ld Bishop of Worcester, vacant by Mr. Stillingfleet's surrender of the Patent by wch he held it, to ye s^d^ James Stillingfleet, Cl., M.A., and Thomas Oliver, N.P., and to the longest liver of them (M^r^. Oliver being but a Trustee for M^r^. Stillingfleet).

Nov. 6, W. My L^d^ left Hartlebury and lay at Evesham.

7, Th. My L^d^ dined with Sr Robt Atkins, and lay at Stow.

8, F. My L^d^ went from Stow to Oxford. I went to Blockley from Stow.

12, Tu. I went to Sr Hen. Parker's to Honington.

13, W. Continued there.

14, Th. I left Honington, called at Shipston, and came to my L^d^ at Oxford.

23, F. I went to Chalgrove, and waited on Mr Simon Whorewood, a Dean, ab^t^ the trees faln on his Leaseland in Alvechurch, and returned to Oxford.

A Copy of the Resignac'on made by Dr. Jephcott.

In Dei nomine Amen. Coram Vobis re'do in XP'o Patre ac D'no D'no WILLIELMO per'ne divina Wigorn. Ep'o, ac testibus fidedignis hic p'sentibus Ego JOHANNES JEPHCOTT, S.T.P., Prebendarius sive Canonicus Octavae Canonicatus sive Prebendae in Eccl'ia Cathedrali Christi et beatae Mariae Virginis Wigorn. fundat. volens ipsam Canonicatum sive Prebendam meam cum Eccl'ia Paro'li de Northfield in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. cujus Rector existit Reverendus EDWARDUS CHANDLER, S.T.P., certis justis et l'timis de causis, sine dolo et fraude canonice permutare, ipsum canonicatum sive Prebendam meam ex causa permutac'o'is huj'o'i, et non alio modo, in sacras manus vestras, reverende Pater, resigno, supplicans humil'r et devote, ut hanc meam, de huj'o'i causa permutac'o'is, resignac'o'em sic factam, et non aliter, velitis admittere, et negotium permutac'o'is hu'j'o'i quatenus ad vos attinet, fideliter expedire. Et protestor expresse in his scriptis, quod si dicta permutac'o debitum non sortiatur effectum, quod huj'o'i mea Resignac'o p'dicta pro nullo penitus habeatur. In cujus rei testimonium nomen et sigillum mea p'sentibus hisce subscripsi et posui undecimo die mensis Julii A'no D'ni Mill'imo septinge't'imo sexto.

Jo. Jephcott.

Subscript. sigillat. test. et exhibit. coram
d'co D'no in XP'o et nobis testibus sp'ial'r.
rogatis W. Worth, Archidiac. Wigorn.

Thos. Oliver, N.P.

Die et A'no suprad'cis nos Ep'us anted'cus ad petic'o'em p'fati Joh'is Jephcott cora. nobis per'ter comparentis hanc suam resign'c'o'em Octavae canonicatûs sive Prebendae in Eccl'ia Cath'l'i Wigorn. supradict. fundatae sub protestac'o'e supradicta, et non al'r admissimus, eu'demq. Canonicatum sive Prebendam praedict. de persona d'ci Joh'is Jephcott ad omnem quemcu'q. Juris effectum vacuam sub protestac'o'e praedicta et nonaliter pronunciavimus et declaravimus.

W. Wigorn.

Ita testor,
Tho. Oliver,
N.P.

D^r^. Chandler made ye like Resignac'on of his Rectory of Northfield.

M^r^. RICH^d^ SAUNDERS, son to the R'c'or of Atherston, being B.A., and having taught school since Easter last at Henley, went with letters Dimissory from ye Chanc^r^ of Glouc^r^, and a title to be Curate of Preston in that diocese to the B^p^ of Oxon', and was ordeined last ordinac'on, and the week foll. came to my L^d^ to be licensed schoolm^r^ at Henley, and Curate of Oulnal Chapel, wch his Lo^p^ denyed him, and his Lo^p^ ord^ed^ the Inhibic'on foll. to be sent out ag^t^ him.

Inhibic'o con. Ric'um Saunders, A.B., et Diacon. Curat. pr'sum de Oulnal et Ludim^r^ de Henley.

Willielmus per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'us Universis et singulis Rectoribus Vicariis Cap'nis Cl'icis Curatis et Ministris quibuscu'q. in et per totam.

Dioec. Wigorn. ubil'et constitutis salutem.

Cum nobis sufficienter monstratum fuerit quend' Ric'um Saunders Diaconum p'tensum per non nullos menses ultimo elapsos ad exequend. officium Diaconi in Capella de Ullenhall, ac etiam Ludimag'ri in liberâ scholâ apud Henley in Arden in Com. Warwici et n'ra Dioecesi Wigorn. p'sumisse et in p'senti p'sumere, inconsultis nobis Ordinario suo, et absq. Licentiâ ei nobis prius impetratâ in contemptione et violatione gravi et notoriâ Legum et Constituc'onum hujus inclyti Regni Angliae. Vobis ig^r^ conj^m^ et div^m^ com'ittim ac firm'r injungendo mandamus, quatenus Inhibeatis seu Inhiberi faciatis p'no'iatum Rich'um Saunders Diaconum p'tensum, cui nos etiam tenore p'sentium sic Inhibemus, ne ipse ulterius officium Diaconi in Capellâ aut Ludim'ri in scholâ p'dictis vel alibi infra Dioecesin n'ram Wigorn. exerceat prius quam articulis Religionis etc. subscripserit, et juramenta in hac parte requisita p'stiterit, et licentiam sufficientem a nobis ad id obtinuerit, sub poenâ Juris in eum infligendâ. Eundemq. Rich'um Saunders propter suam temeritatis excessum pr'd'cum sic Inhibitum proq. sic Inhibito in Eccl'iis n'r'is paro'libus sive Capellis p'dictis die aliquo D'nico vel festivo alio prox. post datum recepc'o'is p'sentium infra Divinorum solemnia dumq. major ib'm ad divina audienda adfuerit populi multitudo, palam et pub'ic denuncietis et declaretis cum

effectu, sub poena juris, et contemptus. Et quid in p'missis feceritis nobis debite certifietis una cum p'ntibus. Dat. sub sigillo n'ro 15 die mensis Novembris, A.D. 1706, et Trans. n'rae ad ep'atum Wigorn. A'no octavo.

ffran. Evans,
No. Pub.

In a double 6d. sheet of paper.

My Ld's Proxy for Convocac'on 22 Nov. 1706.

Pateat universis per p'sentes quod Ego WILLIELMUS p'ne Di'a Wigorniensis Ep'us variis negotiis et causis impeditus atq. detentus ita ut p'senti Convocacio Cleri Cantuariensis Provinciae personal'r interesse nequeam Dilectos mihi in XP'o Fratres *Johannem Bangoriensem*[1] et *Willielmum Lincolniensem*[2] Ep'os conm et divm meos veros et legitimos Procuratores constituo et ordino per praesentes, Doq. et Concedo eisd. procuratoribus meis conm et divm plenam potestatem pro me Vice et nomine meis comparendi, et causas absentiae meae allegandi, necnon tractandi et deliberandi de singulis negotiis sive quibuscu'q. causis quae tractanda acciderint in d'ca Convocac'one.

Eisdemq. Procuratoribus meis conm et divm plenam concedo per p'ntes potestatem no'ie meo consentiendi et suffragandi et subscribendi o'nibus et singulis actis et factis concedendis sive faciendis per predictam Convocac'o'em, durante absentia mea, et quicquid d'ci Procur'es mei vel eorum alteruter fecerint vel fecerit in praemissis et ea concernentibus quibuscu'q. me ratum et gratum habiturum affirmo. In cujus rei testimonium nomen meum et sigillum p'sentibus apposui.

Dat Oxoniae vicesimo secundo die mensis Novembris Anno D'ni Milli'mo septingesº sexto, et Translac'o'is meae in Ep'at'm Wigorniensem Anno Octavo.

Wm. Wigorn.

Signat. et sigillat. in praesentia.
Henr. Jones,
ffra. Evans,
Noni Pubci.

loco sigilli

[1] John Evans, 1702–1716.
[2] William Wake, 1705–1716; Archbishop of Canterbury, 1716–1737.

A prox. for Parliament. My L$^{d's}$ Proxy for Parl^{t} on a double 6^{d}. parchm^{t}. *It needed not to have been on any stamp, and was refused by reason 2 persons were named in it.*

Pateat universis per p'sentes me WILLIELMUM per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'um Reverendissimum in XP'o Patrem ac D'num D'num THOMAM Providentia Di'a Cantuar. ArchiEp'um necnon Reverendum in XP'o Patrem WILLIELMUM per'ne D'ca Lincolniensem Ep'um conj^{m} et eorum alterutrum per se div^{m} meos veros et indubitatos factores actores Procuratores Attornatos et nuncios speciales nominare ordinare facere et Constituere per praesentes, dando et concedendo dictis Procuratoribus meis plenam autoritatem et potestatem de et super quibuscu'q. causis et negotiis statum et utilitatem D'nae n'r'ae Reginae aut Reipublicae incolumitatem et Ecclesiae Anglicanae tranquillitatem concernentibus quae in praesenti Parliamento per d'cae D'nae Reginae sum'onic'o'em convocato agitari contigerit tractandi, tractibusq. inibi fact. seu faciend. consilium aut auxilium nomine meo impendendi, statutisq. etiam et Ordinac'o'ibus quae com'uni statu praedictae Ordinaco'is ib'm fieri et Ordinari contigerint nomine meo consentiendi, et iisdem (si opus fuerit) subscribendi vel dissentiendi caeteraq. o'nia et singula quae in p'missis aut aliquo p'missorn. necessaria fuerint aut quomodo'let requisit. faciendi exercendi et expediendi in tam amplo modo et forma prou't Ego ipse facere possem et deberem si praesens personal'r interessem. Promittoq. me ratum gratum et firmum perpetuo habiturum totum et quicquid d'ci Procur'es mei statuerint aut fecerint, vel eoru. alter statuerit aut fecerit in praemissis.

In cujus testimonium sigillum meum Ep'ale p'tibus apponi feci, ac hasce literas Procuratorias manu mea propria subscripsi.

Dat Oxoniae decimo sexto die mensis Novembris, An'o D'ni 1706°, meaeq. Translac'o'ia in Ep'atum Wigorn. An'o Octavo.

25° die Novembris, 1706°.

Tredington R. Neg^{m} admissionis et Instituc'o'is Mag'ri HYDE PARKER, Cl., ad et in Rectoriam Eccl'iae Paro'lis de Tredington cum suis membris in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. per cessionem ffranc'i Eyre, Cl., ult'i R'c'oris et Incumbentis ib'm vacant.

Vicesimo quinto die Novembris An'o D'ni 1706° Coram Re'do Patre ac D'no D'no Willielmo per'ne di'a Wigorn. Ep'o in aedibus suis apud Oxon Civitatem judical'r

seden. in p'tia mei ffranc'i Evans No^rii P'bci (in absentia Registrar.) in hac parte special'r assumpti Comp'uit perter HYDE PARKER, Cl., et exhibuit l'r'as p'tac'o'is de Persona sua ad et in R'c'oriam de Tredington in Com. et Dioec. Wigorn. modo per cessionem ffranc'i Eyre, Cl., ult'i R'c'oris et Incumbentis ib'm vacant. gerend. dat undecimo die Novembris instantis sub manu et sigillo Honorabilis Joh'is Verney de Alexton in Com. Leceistriae Arm. d'eae R'c'oriae et Eccl'iae p'o'lis de Tredington veri et Indubitati (ut asseritur) pleno Jure Patron. seq vigore earund. ad et in R'c'oriam et Eccl'iam paro'lem praedictam admitti, atq. R'c'orem ejusd. ac in et de ead. cum suis Juribus membris et pertinentiis universis Institui et investiri humil'r petiit, et obtulit se promptum et paratum ad subeund. qua'cu'q. Juram'ta de jure requisita, et ad subscribend. de jure subscribenda. Unde D'nus Ep'us antedictus ad pet'c'o'em d'ci Hy le Parker (praestitis prius per eum Juramentis allegientiae, supremitatis, simoniae canonicae obedientiae subscriptisq. prius per eum cora' d'co d'no Ep'o de Jure in hac p'te subscribendis) eund. Hyde Parker, Cl'icum, in Rectoriam et Eccl'iam paro'lem de Tredington p'dict. admisit, ipsumq. R'c'orem ejusdem ac in et de ead. cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis Instituit et Investivit.

Et scriptum est o'nibus et singulis Rectoribus Vicariis, Capellanis Curatis et Clericis quibuscu'q. in et per totam Dioec. Wigorn. con^m et div^m pro Induec'o'e d'ci Hyde Parker vel ejus Procu'rem l't'um quemcu'q. in possessionem, etc.

7 Feb^r. 170⁶⁄₇.

My L^d granted his Proxy to the B^p of Norwich [1] on plain parchment w^thout any stamp and w^thout witnesses, as foll.

Proxy for Parliam^t.

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A Certificate granted to the Ld ArchB^p for Dr Walle's Dispensac'on.

To the Most Reverend Father in God Thomas, by Divine Providence Ld ArchB^p of Canterbury.

These are to certify Y^r Grace that George Walls, D^r. of Divinity,

[1] John Moore.

is now possessed of the Rectory of Holt in the County and Diocese of Worcester, valued in Her Mag'ties Books at £15 7*s.* 8½*d.*, and of the real value of £80 per annum, and is p'sented to ye Vicarage of Wichenford in the aforesaid County and Diocese, valued in Her Ma'ties Books at £9 10*s.*, the real value ab^t^ £60, contiguous to his said Rectory of Holt, and the Churches but 3 half miles distant from each other, I know him to be a very deserving man, both for life and learning, and good affection to the Government, and do therefore hold him worthy of Y^r^ Grace's favour in granting him a Dispensac'on to hold both these Livings, and I will take care that he shall serve the Cure, on wch he does not reside, by an able and sufficient Curate.

Witnesse my hand this 8th day of February, 1706.

W. Worcester.

To the Right Honble Wm Ld Cooper[1], Ld Keeper of the Great Seale of England.

These are to certify to y^r^ Lo^p^ that whereas George Walls, Doctor of Divinity, Rector of Holt, in the County and Diocese of Worcester, is p'sented to the Vicarage of Wichenford in the same county and diocese, wch parishes are contiguous; I know him to be a very deserving man, both for his life and learning and good affecc'on to the Governm^t^, and there am willing that he hold both those Livings together, if y^r^ Lo^p^ shall think fit to confirm his Dispensac'on for the same.

I am,
My L^d^,
Your Lo^p's^ most obliged and
most obedient Servt,
W. Worcester.

Feb. 11, 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

My L^d^ B^p^ of Oxford advised my L^d^ not to take any Bond from D^r^. Wall to rebuild y^e^ House at Wichenford, believing he would voluntarily do it.

[1] 1st Earl Cowper; 1st Lord Chancellor *of Great Britain.* Presided at the trial of Dr. Sacheveril, and voted for his condemnation; d. 1723.

To my much Honoured Friend Sr John Bridgeman[1], Barronet,
at Castle Bromwich in Warwickshire.

Old Palace Yard, West^r,
22 Feb., 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

S^r,

I do very wel remember that when I was with you about 20 y^rs since you were pleased to shew me a writing by which y^r excellent Father, my Ld Keeper Bridgeman[2], had settled the perpetual advowson of that great Living of Wigan in you and yor heirs. You then also told me that his Lo^p declared that he had purchased that Advowson with a full intent to have annext it to the B^prick of Chester forever. But seeing how Popery p^rvailed at that time, he did not think fit to do any such act as would give up the disposing of that Living to a Prince that would in all probability fill that See with men of his own Religion, and therefore his Lo^p was pleased to make that Deed by wch he trusted you and yor heirs with ye perpetual Advowson, to the end you might give the Living to a B^p of our Church, as oft as there should be any such in that See. But in case there was no such, you might dispose of it otherwise as you had reason to believe he would do himself if he were living. This most pious and Charitable Act of that excellent Man whom I have the honour to call my first Patron to a Church Living, as you made it no secret to me, so I thought it my duty to publish it to others, that he might have the just praise of so great a good work upon earth, as I doubt not he has the blessed reward of it in Heaven.

By my speaking so often and so freely of this as I have done these many years, I hear that it has now come to be a matter of co'mon discourse at this time, and therefore I thought it fit to acquaint you how it came to be so, hoping that you will not disapprove of that part y^t I have had in it as proceeding entirely from my gratitude to my good Lord, and the honour I have always borne to his most worthy Family.

I make use of my own hand to conclude this, tho I can do it but very infirmly, being now on my recovery from a very dangerous sickenesse, for which I blesse my good God.

I do also according to my manifold Duty beseech him to

[1] 2nd Bart.

[2] Orlando Bridgeman, a lawyer of great eminence, created Bart., 1660; d. 1674.

p^r^serve yor good health, and to multiply his blessings upon all yor family.

S^r^,

Your much obliged and most faithful Friend
and Servant,
W. Worcester.

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THE TABLE OF ANTIENT FEES due to the Lord Bishop of Worcester his officers and to other Eccle'call officers within the Diocese of Worcester set up in a table there to remain within the Consistory of Wigorn. for ever or within the Register of the said Diocese his office by ye appointm^t^ and allowance of my Lord of Canterbury his Grace.

Institu'on and Induc'on Fees 44*s.*	To my L^d^ himself . .	xvi*s.*
	To his Register . .	x*s.*
	„ „ more for 2 obligac'ons	ii*s.*
	To Mr ArchDeacon where he is to induct .	x*s.*
	To his Reg^r^ in like case . . .	ii*s.*
	To the Dean of the Deanry . . .	ii*s.*
	To the Apparitor of the Deanry . .	ii*s.*
Subscription Fees vi*s.* viii*d.* *the Articles.*	To my L^d^ himself . .	iii*s.* iiii*d.*
	To his Reg^r^ . . .	ii*s.* iiii*d.*
	„ „ more for entring ye Incumbent's oath and subscription .	xii*d.*
	To my L^d's^ Reg^r^ for ye exhibiting of a Resignac'on . . . ii*s.*	In toto vi*s.*
	For recording of every avoidance . ii*s.*	
	To him for entring of ye avoidance of every Benefice so resigned . . ii*s.*	
Sequestrac'on of a Benefice xi*s.*	To my L^d's^ Chancellor . .	vi*s.* viii*d.*
	To his Reg^r^ for ye same and for ye bond . . .	iiii*s.* iiii*d.*
	For the entring of a Caveat for the Interest to a Benefice or for Marriage . iii*s.* iiii*d.*	Chanc^r^ xvi*d.* Reg^r^ ii*s.*
	The Fee of a testimoniall for a minister to depart ye Diocese iii*s.* iiii*d.*	Chancel^r^ xx*d.* Reg^r^ xx*d.*
	For License to serve Cures or teach Schollars . vi*s.* viii*d.*	To ye Chancell^r^ iiii*s.* To ye Reg^r^ ii*s.* viii*d.*

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	Reg[r] .		xx*d.*
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	Reg[r]	iiii*s.* iiii*d.*	

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THE FORME OF LETTERS OF ORDERS in Worcester Diocese by my L[d] all within Hookes.

Tenore p[r]sentium Nos E. per'ne Di'a Wigorn. Ep'us notum facimus Universis quod die D'nico .... (viz't.) die mensis .... An'o D'ni Mill'mo Sexces'imo Nonagesimo quinto (In Eccl'ia Cath'li Wigorn. nos episcopus antedictus sacros Ordines, Dei omnipotentis auxilio celebrantes, Dilectum nobis in XP'o Thomam Hall e Collegio Pembrokiensi in Academia Oxoniensi in Artibus Baccalaureum, ad inserviend. curae Animarum in Eccl'ia de H. in Com. W. intitulatum de Vita sua laudabili et moribus nobis prout Canones requirunt com'endatum et in doctrina et scientia per nos diligenter examinatum et approbatum) Prestitis prius per eum ad sancta dei Evangelia Juramentis illis duobus allegiantiae et Fidelitatis Domino n'ro Regi ac de renunciando omni Juri Forinseco juxta statutum hujus inclyti Regni Angliae nuper editum subscriptisq. per eum tribus Articulis in Canone tricesimo sexto comprehenso et quadam clausula Recognic'o'is in actu Parliamenti pro Uniformitate etc. Anno Decimo quarto Caroli Secundi nuper Regis Angliae etc. edito, quod conformem se p[r]stabit liturgiae eccl'iae Anglicanae sicut jam legibus constitutae et sancitae. Ad Sacrosanctum D. ordinem admisimus ipsumq. In. D. legitime ordinavimus. In cujus, etc.

A License for a Deacon.

EDWARDUS per'ne Di'a Wigorn. Ep'us Dilecto Nobis in XP'o T. H., Artium Baccalaureo salutem. Literarum scientia vitae

probitas morum honestas ac alia virtutum dona quibus nobis fide digno co'mendaris testimonio nos Inducunt ut personam tuam favore benevolo prosequamur. Ad inserviendum ig^r. Curae Animarum in Capella de H. in Com. Warwicien. et Dioec. Wigorn. Divinaq. officia in ead' Capella celebrand. (sacramentum vero Caenae Dominicae non ministrand' donec ad sacrosanct. Presbyteratus ordinem attigeris). Licentiam tibi et facultatem (prestitis prius a te ad Sancta Dei Evangelia Jur'tis illis duobus allegantiae et Fidelitatis juxta tenorem cujusd. Actus Parliamenti hujus inclyti Regni Angliae an'o Regni Domini et D'nae n'roru' Gul. et Mariae dei gra'a nunc R'x et nuper Reginae Angliae per primo in ea parte salubriter editi et provisi, necnon de Canonica Obedientia nobis et successoribus n'ris exhibenda et praestanda, subscriptisq. a te tribus Art'lis in Canone 36° comprehensis et quadam Clausula Recognic'o'is in Actu Parl^ti uniformitate etc. An'o Decimo quarto Caroli Secundi nuper Regni Regis Angliae etc. quod conformem te praestabis Liturgiae Eccl'iae Anglicanae prout jam legibus constituta sancita est) tenore praesentium impertimur ac plenam in D'no (salvo jure cujusucq.) committimus potestatem ad n'rum dumtaxat beneplacitum duratur. et non al'r.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum n'rum sp'a'le p'ntibus apponi fecimus Dat. . . . . die mensis . . . . An'o D'ni Milles'mo etc. et n'rae consecrac'onis an'o octavo.

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Wigorn. Here follows a CATALOGUE OF THE BISHOPS OF WORCESTER from the year 1540, anno 28 Hen. 8.

1543, Hen. 8 35—73°. NIC. HEATH, 1539, Apr. 4, co'secrated B^p of Rochester, was translated to Worcester Feb. 20, and was displaced 10 Oct., 1551, 6° Ed'ri 6, translated to York 1554, 2° Mariae.

1551, Ed. VI. 6°—74. JOHN HOOPER, who held Gloucester in co'mendam. 155¾, Mar. 19, deprived. 1554, Feb. 9, burnt.

1554, Mariae 2°—75. RICH. PATES. He was made B^p by ye Pope and sate as such in ye Council of Trent, but was never here, as I beleeve.

1559, Eliz. 2°, Dec. 21. EDWIN SANDS, 75^d B^p Worcester.

1560, Eliz. 3°—76.	EDWIN SANDES. Translated London, and thence to York in 1576.
157⁰⁄₇, Eliz. 13°—77. Jan. 26.	NIC. BULLINGHAM, 1556, 1° Eliz., c'se'ated for Lincoln, translated from Lincoln hither.
1577, Eliz. 19°—78. Apr. 21.	JOHN WHITGYFT, co'seciated B^p of Worcester. He was translated to Canterbury 1583, Sept. 23.
1584, Eliz. 27—79.	EDMUND FFREAKE, B^p of Rochester, c'se'ated 157½, Mar. 9, transl. to Norwich 1575, to Worcester 1584, dyed ab't 20 Mar., 159⁰⁄₇.
1593, Eliz. 35—80.	RICH^d FFLETCHER, 1589, Dec. 24, co's'crated for Bristoll, translated from Bristol hither 1593, and hence elected to London 1594, Dec. 30.
1595, „ 37—81.	THO. BILSON, Jan. 13, co'secrated, translated to Winchester in 1597.
1597, „ 39—82.	GERVASE BABINGTON, 1591, Aug. 29, co'secrated 1st of Landaff, then 1594, Febr., of Exeter, and last here in 1597. He died 1610, May 17.
1610, Jacobi 8°—83	HEN. PARRY, 1607, July 12, co'secrated for Glouc., translated from Gloucester, 1610, Michaelmas.
1617 „ 15°—84.	JOHN THORNBOROUGH, B^p 1st of Limeric, thence translated to Bristoll in 1603, then hither in 1617.
1641, Car. 1 17°—85.	JOHN PRIDEAUX[1].
1660, Car. 2^di 13°—86.	GEO. MORLEY, conseer. 28 Oct. Transl. to Winchester 1662.
1662. Car. 2 15°—87.	JOHN GAUDEN, inthroned 9° August, dyed 21 Sept., 1662.
1662, Car. 2 15°—88.	JOHN EARLE, inthr. 23 Dec., 1662, translated to Salisbury 1663.
1663, „ 16°—89	ROBERT SKINNER, translated from Oxford hither Nov. 26 63, dyed 1671.
1671, „ 24°—90.	WALTER BLANFORD, translated from Oxford.

[1] Deprived at the Rebellion; died in great poverty at Burden, 165[illegible].

1675, Carl. 2 28°—91. JAMES FLEETWOOD, cons. 29 Aug., 75, dyed July, 1683.

1683 ,, 36°—92. Wm. THOMAS, translated from St David's, Sept., 1683, dyed at Worcester, 25 Jun., 1689, at 3 afternoon, and was buryed at Worcester.

1689, Wmi et Mariae 1°—93. EDWd STILLINGFLEET, cons. 13 Oct., 89, dyed at London 27 Mar., 99, and was buryed at Worcester.

1699, Wmi Tertii 11°—94. Wm LLOYD, 1st of St. Asaph, translated from Cov. and Lichfield to Worcester 22 Jun., 1699.

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An Acct of the Deer in Hartlebury Park.

1699, *Mar.* 27. There were 125 Deer in Hartlebury Park when Bishop Stillingfleet dyed. Of wch my Ld killed yt year

4 brace and ½ of Bucks.	Mr. Price .	1
	Mr. Wild .	1
	Mr. Fish .	1
4 brace of Does whereof		
	Mr. Mayor of Worcr .	1

1700, *Jun.* 29. Deer in ye Park at Hartlebury, in all one hundred and eleven, besides Fawnes,

Of wch . . .	111	111
		35 Fawnes.
Warrantable Bucks .	10	
Sores and Sorels[1] .	20	146
Prickets abt . .	31	
Female Deer abt .	50	
	111	

[1] See next page for definition of sore, sorel, &c.

"The playful princess pierc'd and prick'd a pretty pleasing pricket;
Some say, a sore; but not a sore, till now made sore with shooting.
The dogs did yell; put I to sore, then sorel jumps from thicket.
Or pricket, sore, or else sorel; the people fall a hooting.
If sore be sore, then I to sore makes fifty sores one sorel.
Of one sore I an hundred make, by adding but one more I."
Love's Labour Lost, Act iv. 2.

Killed in 1700.

4 brace of Bucks whereof ye Judge had 1.
5 brace of Does whereof } Mr Mayor, 1 Doe at Worcester.
2 brace of Fawnes } I had 1 Doe to send to Snelston.

1700. killed —
22
—

31 Fawnes dyed winter, 1700.
2 brace of Bucks.
1 brace of Sorels.
4 brace of Prickets.
3 brace of old Does.
3 brace and ½ of other Female Deer.
—
58 dyed winter, 1700.
22 killed y^t sum'er.
—
80
—

Out of 146
Dyed 58 } 80
Killed 22 }

1701, *Jun.* 29. There remained old Deer . . . 66
—
146

Old Deer, 1701 . . . 66
Fawnes, 1701 . . . 24
—
Totall . . 90

Killed one brace of Bucks.
One brace of Does . . . 1 Countess Middleton.
1 Mayor of Worc^r.

1701. The stock of Deer kept that winter were but 86.

1702. Killed 2 brace of Bucks.
No Does but one by M^r Ll.'s dog.
There were this year above 30 Fawnes,
of wch 1 dyed
1 killed by M^r Ll.'s dog

y^rs 1st *Fawn.*
2nd *Pricket.*
3rd *Sorel.*
4th *Sore.*
5th *Buck.*

1703. Killed 2 brace of Bucks. { 1 went to Oxford for my L$^{d's}$ use.
1 my Lady Middleton.
1 Mr Lloyd had at Blockley.
1 spent at Hartlebury in my L$^{d's}$ use.

Fawnes killed 6 { 5 Mr Back.
1 Hill at Kiddermr.

Oct. 20. There were 105 Deer of all sorts in the Park counted by D. Foulkes, Ph. Lab'.

Killed Does, Nov. 14
1 Doe Mr Mayor had.
1 for Mr Chanc^{r}.
1 male Deer by mistake, wch was sent to Oxford.

Remains 14 Nov., 1703, in all 103, wch were kept all winter.
2 seven y^{r} old Bucks.
7 six y^{r} old Bucks.
0 five y^{r} old.

1704, *July* 4. Killed 2 { 1 old Buck wth another sore.
1 $^{1}/_{\eta}$ accident ρ'h.

Of y^{e} old Bucks { 1 half hanch sent Mr H. Jones.
1 side sent to Hudson at Oxford.
1 side sent Lady Middleton.
1 half hanch spent at Hartleb.

Yong sore . { 1 side sent Mr Richd Jones.
1 hanch also to him.
1 side and hanch spent at home.

July 17. 1 Buck killed for my L$^{d's}$ own use at Hartlebury.
28. 1 Buck killed for my L$^{d's}$ own use at Worcester.
Sept. 1. 1 Buck killed and sent my L^{d} to Oxford.

1705, *Jun.* Jo^{n} Steel, Warrener, told over the old Deer in Hartlebury Park, and sayes there are 113 or 114, besides Fawnes.

Bucks.

July 1. 1 Buck killed. My Lady Middleton had half. Spent at Hartlebury the other half.
7. 1 Buck killed and all ye venison spent at ye Pallace in Worcester.
16. 1 Buck killed and spent at Hartlebury.
30. 1 Buck killed and spent at Hartlebury.
Aug. 1. 1 Buck killed. The Judges had ½.
The Mayor of Worc. a side.
A Hanch spent at Worc.

1705, Aug. 8. 1 Buck killed. ½ sent to Mr and Mrs Benson.
A side to Mr Price.
A hanch spent at Hartl.

10. 1 Buck kil'ed and spent at Hartlebury and Worcr.

22. 1 Buck killed and carryed to Oxford.

Sep. 3. 1 Buck killed and sent by carryer to Oxford.

9

Does. 1 for Mr Hill, Bayl., a very lean one. } hardly worth killing.
1 other killed and spent in the Family. }

1706, *Jun.* David Foulks and Richd Malins, ye Warrener, told over ye old Deer in the Park and found 128, if not 129.

20. 1 Buck killed } both spt at Hartlebury.
July 4. 1 Buck killed }

25. 1 Buck killed { 1 side sent Bp Hereford [1].
1 side sent Mr Benson.
1 haunch sent old Mr Benson.

29. 1 Buck killed. 1 side sent Bayliff at Kidderm r, Mr Hill.

Aug 5. 1 Buck killed { ½ sent the Judges.
½ spent at the Assizes.

20. 1 Buck kil'd and spent at Hartlebury.

28. 1 Buck kil'd, a side sent to Bp Hereford.

30. 1 Buck kil'd.

8

Sept. 23. 2 Does killed and spent at Hartlebury, 1 ∞ 1 w lean . . . . [2].

Oct. 1. 1 Doe kil'd w lean by mistake . . . . [2].

4. 1 Doe kil'd and sent ye Mayor in Worcr ∞.
1 Buck kil'd by another at ye Rutt.

14. 1 Doe kil'd w lean . . . . [2].

18. 1 Doe kil'd, a side sent Mr Stillingfleet.

22. 1 Doe kil'd.

28. 1 Doe kil'd.

1707, *Jun.* 24. In the Park about 126 old Deer and prickets and prickets sister.

[1] Humphrey Humphreys, Bp. of Bangor, 1689, then of Hereford, 1701—1712.
[2] In cypher.

1707.
Bucks killed.

Jun. 25, W. 1 fallow Buck, 1 Steel.

Jul. 14, M. 1 bl. Buck 1 Steel. ½ sent Mr Benson and ù.

15, Tu. 1 1/η male Deer 3yr old, 1 L.

22, Tu. 1 bl. Buck, 1 Lowbridge.

28, M. 1 Buck, 1 Mr David's man.

Aug. 8, Fri. 1 Buck wth Dogs.

15, W. 1 Buck wth Dogs.

18, M. 1 Buck wth Dogs. ½ sent the Judges. A side sent to Oxford.

25, M. 1 Buck with Dogs. ½ sent Mr Chancr to Ripple.

Sept. 2, Tu. 1 Buck with the Dog. Mr Broughton a side.

9, Tu. 1 Buck with ye Dog. A side Mr Chancr. A hanch to Lo'don.

13, Sat. 1 Buck wth Dogs, lean.

16, Tu. 1 Buck wth ye Dog. A hanch sent to Mr Chancr.

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1707.
Does killed.

Jul. 4. 1 Doe.

9. 1 1/η Doe.

15. 1 Doe, 1 Dog.

Aug. 31. 1 Doe by Stillgfleet's dogs.

Sept. 1. Doe w lean, 1 Dog.

Oct. 2, Th. 1 Doe, 1 Steel.

7, Tu. 1 w lean, 1 David.

13, M. 1 1/η Doe, 1 David.

14, Tu. 1 Doe, 1 David.

20, M. 1 Doe, 1 Steel.

22, W. 1 Doe, 1 Steel.

30, Th. 1 Doe, 1 David's dog.

Nov. 5, 1 1/η Doe, 1 David.

8, Sat. 1 lean Doe, 1 David.

17, M. 1 Doe, 1 Steel.

26, 1 Fat Doe.

27, 1 lean.

28, 1 lean.

Dec. 16, 1 Doe.

26, 1 Doe, 1 Steel.

20

1707.
Fawnes.

3 kill'd and eaten.

4 killed by ye Ravens.

3 given away.

2 dyed when taken.

1 alive and tame.

1 Fawn by Rr's[1] dogs.

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[1] Rector Stillingfleet.

1707, Oct. 19. 1 Buck dyed.

April, 1708, about 120 Deer in all.

1708.

Jun. 21, M. 1 Buck, ½ sent B^p Heref^d.

30, W. 1 Buck.

Jul. 7, W. 1 Buck, ½ sent M^r and Mrs Benson.

18, Sun. 1 Buck.

29, Th. 1 Buck, 1 Hanch to dine Dr Hallifax [1].

Aug. 8, Sun. 1 Buck, ½ to Judges.

a side sent to φ R. Jones.

a Hanch spent at Worc^r.

15, Sun. 1 Buck.

½ sent to Nuexon.

26, Th. 1 Buck.

½ sent to Ripple.

30, M. 1 Buck, a Hanch to Dr Chandler.

Sept. 6, Tu. 1 Buck, a side to M^r. Welsh's.

1 side to φ Hills at Kidd.

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1708.

Fawnes.

Jul. 1. 1 1^2 Θ L^y to Worc^r.

23. 1 kil'd to L^d d. L-.

Oct. 30. 1 kil'd.

Does. 1708.

Aug. 24. 1 Doe.

Sept. 14. 1 Doe 1/η Buck 1, φ?

Oct. 4. 1 Doe.

7. 1 Doe, hanch s^t B^p Oxon.

9. 1 Doe for Mr Mayor.

1 Ord. L^d d. home.

Nov. 19. 1 Ord. L^d d. home.

1 f^d dead.

Dec. 27. 1 Doe.

Jan. 8. 1 Doe.

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107⁸⁄₉. *Jan.* 19. I told over the Deer in Hartlebury Park and found 113 of all sorts.

1709, *Jun.* 10. Edward Radford could find but 1 6.

Bucks.

Jun. 28. 2 kil'd, E. 1. { ½ a Buck B^p Heref^d. ½ a Buck B^p Oxo'.

Does.

1708, Feb. 16. 1 hanged in ye Pale.

1709, Jun. 30. 1 Doe, η01 Bucks [2].

Fawnes.

28 Jun. 1 kil'd, 1 φ? 2 eaten, 1 vermin.

[1] William Hallifax, D.D., Chap. to the Speaker. R. of Oldswinford, 1699, and R. of Salwarpe, 1713; d. 1722.

[2] This is the last entry in the book.

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